

✓ BRIDGER/WHITE MARSH FARM

ISLE OF WIGHT LIBRARY
SOUTHFIELD BRANCH

1 Joseph Bridger b. 1630 in Woodmancote Manor, Dursley, Gloucestershire, England d. 15 Apr 1686 in Whitemarsh, Isle of Wight Co., VA
+Hester Pitt b. 1631 in Dursley, Gloucestershire, England m. Abt. 1647 in Gloucestershire, England d. 1711 in Isle of Wight, VA
2 Joseph Bridger b. 1654 in Isle of Wight, VA d. Bef. 25 Jan 1713 in Isle of Wight, VA
+Elizabeth Norsworthy b. Abt. 1656 in Isle of Wight, Virginia m. Abt. 1674 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia d. Abt. 22 Jan 1728 in Isle of Wight, Virginia
3 [18] William Bridgers b. Abt. 1675 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d. May 1730 in Meherrin River, Bertie County, North Carolina
+17 Elizabeth Godwin b. in Isle of Wight, VA m. Abt. 1697 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d. 27 Mar 1727 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
4 [19] Joseph Bridgers b. Abt. 1698 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d. Abt. 1758 in Edgecombe Co., NC
+20 Mary Braswell b. in Bertie Co., North Carolina m. Abt. 1728
5 [21] Braswell Bridgers b. Bet. 1719 - 1720 in Fishing Creek, Edgecombe Co., NC d. Aft. 1768
+22 ?
6 [1] William Bridgers b. Abt. 1742 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d. 1790 in Tyancoca Swamp, North Carolina
+2 Jemima Hobby m. Abt. 1764
7 [3] Drury Bridgers b. 30 Aug 1765 in Edgecombe Co., NC d. 15 Jun 1840 in Trigg County, Kentucky
+4 Charity Cohoon/Calhoun b. 18 Sep 1771 in Edgecombe Co., NC m. 1789 in Prob. Edgecombe Co., NC d. 16 Oct 1852 in Trigg County, Kentucky
*2nd Wife of [21] Braswell Bridgers:
+23 Ann ? m. Abt. 1745
6 [1] William Bridgers b. Abt. 1742 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d. 1790 in Tyancoca Swamp, North Carolina
+2 Jemima Hobby m. Abt. 1764
7 [3] Drury Bridgers b. 30 Aug 1765 in Edgecombe Co., NC d. 15 Jun 1840 in Trigg County, Kentucky
+4 Charity Cohoon/Calhoun b. 18 Sep 1771 in Edgecombe Co., NC m. 1789 in Prob. Edgecombe Co., NC d. 16 Oct 1852 in Trigg County, Kentucky
6 [24] Nathan Bridgers b. Abt. 1744 in Halifax Co., NC
+25 Mary ?
6 [26] Elizabeth Bridgers b. Abt. 1748 in Edgecombe Co., NC
+27 William Hudnall m. 21 Feb 1766 in Edgecombe Co., NC
5 [28] Joseph Bridgers b. Abt. 1721
5 [29] Benjamin Bridgers b. Abt. 1724 in bef Nov 1797/ d. in Johnston Co., NC
5 [30] Etheldred Bridgers b. Abt. 1726
5 [31] James Bridgers b. Abt. 1728 d. in Wayne Co., NC
5 [32] Richard Bridgers b. Abt. 1730
+33 ?
6 [34] Drury Bridgers
6 [35] John Bridgers
6 [36] Joseph Bridgers
4 [37] William Bridgers b. Abt. 1701 in Fishing Creek, Edgecombe Co., NC d. 02 Nov 1729 in Bertie Co., NC
+38 Sarah Dew b. Abt. 1705 in Upper Norfolk Co., VA (now Bertie Co., North Carolina) m. Abt. 1720 in Bertie or Chowan Co., NC d. 28 Feb 1754 in Northampton (was Bertie) Co., NC
5 [39] William Bridgers b. Abt. 1721 in Bertie Co., NC d. Bef. May 1763 in or Northampton Co., NC /Bartley, Upper Norfolk, NC
+40 Rachael ? m. Abt. 1742 d. Bef. Aug 1764 in Northampton Co., NC
6 [41] John Bridger b. Abt. 1743 in Bertie Co., NC d. 1797 in Northampton Co., NC
6 [42] Elizabeth Bridger b. Abt. 1745 in Northampton Co., NC
6 [43] Willis Bridger b. Abt. 1749 in Northampton Co., NC d. Bef. 1802 in Northampton Co., NC
6 [44] William Bridger b. Abt. 1752 in Bertie Co., NC d. Bef. Mar 1796
+45 Pheraby Forte m. Abt. 1774
6 [46] Patience Bridger b. Abt. 1755 in Northampton Co., NC
+47 Henry Rhoads m. 10 Jul 1772 in Bertie Co., NC
6 [48] Temperance Bridger b. Abt. 1758 in Northampton Co., NC
+49 Samuel Parker m. Bet. 1783 - 1786 d. 1791 in Northampton Co., NC
*2nd Husband of [48] Temperance Bridger:
+50 Bryant m. Abt. 1798
5 [51] Sarah Bridgers b. Abt. 1723 in Bertie Co., NC d. May 1777 in Hertford Co., NC
+52 James Cotton b. Abt. 1718 m. Abt. 1737 d. Apr 1758
6 [53] James Cotton b. 1738 in Bertie Co., NC d. Bef. 1815
6 [54] Henry Cotton b. 1740 in Bertie Co., NC d. 1785 in Halifax Co., VA
+55 Sarah ?
7 [133] Elizabeth Cotton
6 [56] Solomon Cotton b. 1743 in Bertie Co., NC d. Bef. 1771
6 [57] Christen Cotton b. 1746 in Bertie Co., NC d. Deceased
6 [58] Theophilus Cotton b. 1749 in Bertie Co., NC d. 1794 in Halifax Co., VA
7 [134] Arthur Kemp Cotton b. 14 Feb 1776 d. 21 Sep 1848 in Allentown, Wilcox Co., AL
+135 Sybil Lovelace m. Bet. 1788 - 1790 in South Carolina
*2nd Husband of [51] Sarah Bridgers:
+59 James Jones b. in Pitch Landing m. Abt. 1760
6 [60] Mary Jones b. 01 Jan 1764 d. 1794 in Halifax Co., VA
+61 Robert Montgomery
5 [62] Joseph Bridgers b. 1725 in or Northampton Co., NC /Edgecombe/Bertie Co., NC d. 1808 in Northampton Co., NC
+63 ?
6 [64] William Bridgers b. 1744 d. Aft. 1820 in Northampton Co., NC
+65 Lucy Johnson b. 1760 m. Bef. 1782 in Northampton Co., NC d. Feb 1796 in Northampton Co., NC
7 Kinchen Bridgers b. 1786 in Northampton Co., NC d. 1857 in Northampton Co., NC
+Susannah Suckey Lassiter b. 1787 m. 01 Dec 1811 in Northampton Co., NC d. in Northampton Co., NC
5 [66] John Bridgers b. Abt. 1727 in Bertie Co., NC d. Bef. May 1764 in Northampton Co., NC
+67 Faith Ruffin b. Abt. 1725 in Northampton Co., NC m. Abt. 1751 in Northampton Co., NC
6 [68] Edwin Bridges b. in Northampton Co., NC d. Bet. 1779 - 1783 in Bertie Co., NC
+69 Mary Dickinson d. 08 Jul 1818 in Logan Co., Kentucky
7 John Bridges b. in NC d. Bef. 05 Feb 1816
7 Edwin Bridges
7 Elizabeth Bridges
7 Mary Bridges
7 Brittain Bridges
6 [70] Sarah Bridgers b. in Northampton Co., NC
+71 John Hayes
6 [72] Puntty Bridges b. in Northampton Co., NC
+73 William Deloach
6 [74] Briton Bridges b. 1753 in Northampton Co., NC d. Oct 1795 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina
+75 Mary Rice b. in Nansemond Co., Virginia m. Abt. 1777
7 John Bridges d. Nov 1795 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina
7 William Bridges b. 1778 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d. Sep 1820 in Wilson Co., North Carolina
+Mary Barnes m. Abt. 1799 d. 1825
5 [76] Patience Bridges b. Aft. 11 Mar 1729 in Upper Norfolk (Bertie Co.), North Carolina d. 05 Jun 1795 in Hertford Co., NC
+77 William Cotton b. Abt. 1736 d. 1797
*2nd Husband of [76] Patience Bridges:
+78 Thomas Cotton b. 1718 in Bertie Co., North Carolina m. 1748 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d. Aug 1787 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
6 [79] Elizabeth Cotton d. Aft. Aug 1787
6 [80] Lidia Cotton d. Aft. Aug 1787
6 [81] Samuel Cotton d. Aft. Aug 1787
6 [82] Tempy Cotton d. Aft. Aug 1787
+83 ? Copeland
6 [84] Charity E. Cotton d. Aft. 1764

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..... 6 [85] Joseph Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 6 [86] Lowena Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 +[87] ? Read
 7 [138] Temperance Read
 6 [88] Sally Cotton
 6 [89] Martha Cotton
 6 [90] James Cotton b: Abt 1749 d: Abt 1797 in Northampton Co. NC
 +[91] Elizabeth Dickinson b: Abt. 1775 m: Abt. 1790
 7 [139] Dickinson Cotton b: Abt. 1791
 7 [140] Mary Cotton b: Abt. 1795
 6 [92] Talitha "Lytha" Cotton b: 1752 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: 16 Nov 1846 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[93] Robert Hobday b: 13 May 1744 in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., VA m: Dec 1770 in Halifax, NC d: 16 Nov 1797 in Drake's Creek, Sumner Co., TN
 7 [141] Robert Hobday Jr. b: 1765
 +[142] Lydia Harper
 7 [143] Hannah Hobday b: Bet. 1765 - 1775
 +[144] Wyrriott Blount m: 15 Apr 1793
 7 [145] Ripsy Ann Hobday b: Bet. 1770 - 1775
 +[146] John Wimberly Harrell b: 1743 m: 27 Jan 1792 in NC Hist. & Gen Register, Vol. 2, #3, pg. 367/Bertie Co., NC
 7 [147] Edmond Hobday b: 28 Dec 1776 in Northampton Co. NC d: 11 Jun 1853 in Pike Co., AL
 +[148] Nancy Ann Harrell b: Abt. 1779 in VA m: Abt. 1790 in Pike Co., AL (now Bullock Co.) d: 1840 in Pike Co., AL
 7 [149] Thomas Cotton Hobdy b: 1780 in Halifax, Northampton Co., NC d: Aft. 1850 in Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky
 +[150] Elizabeth Brackin b: 1781 in Orange Co., N. C. m: 1800 in North Carolina d: Aft. 1850 in Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky
 7 [151] Elizabeth Hobday b: 1783 in Halifax Co., North Carolina d: Bet. 1840 - 1850 in Haywood Co., Tennessee
 +[152] John C. Rhoads m: 19 Mar 1800 in Davidson Co., TN
 7 [153] Patience Hobday b: 03 Nov 1785 in Northampton Co., NC d: 25 Jul 1837
 +[154] Jacob Cartwright b: 21 Feb 1767 m: 1803
 7 [155] William Hobday b: 17 May 1787 d: 04 Jan 1857 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[156] Elizabeth "Betsey" Scruggs m: 20 Dec 1810 in Sumner Co., TN
 7 [157] John William "Jack" Hobday b: 1790 in Northampton Co., NC d: 31 Dec 1852 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[158] Nancy Cummings m: 04 Oct 1817 in Sumner Co., TN
 *2nd Wife of [157] John William "Jack" Hobday:
 +[159] Elizabeth Clay Hodges m: 22 Sep 1835 in Sumner Co., TN d: 13 Jul 1899
 7 [160] Tabitha "Bethy" Hobday b: 22 Feb 1792 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: 01 Oct 1851 in Benton, Scott Co., Missouri
 +[161] Wylie Howell b: 01 May 1788 in Bertie Co., NC m: 13 Aug 1810 in Davidson Co., TN d: 18 Sep 1859 in Benton, Scott Co., or Howell Co., Missouri
 *2nd Husband of [160] Tabitha "Bethy" Hobday:
 +[162] John Bobdy m: 10 Oct 1817 in Sumner Co., TN
 7 [163] Talitha "Lethy" Hobday b: 22 Feb 1792 in Bertie Co., North Carolina
 +[164] William P. Byrn m: 1808 in Tennessee
 7 [165] Richard "Dick" Hobday b: 22 Apr 1794 in Northampton Co., NC d: 02 Jul 1851 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[166] Elizabeth "Betsy" Cotton b: 1804 in Cottontown, Sumner, Tennessee, USA m: 03 Mar 1819 in Sumner Co., TN d: Aft. 1860 in prob Sumner Co., TN
 *2nd Husband of [92] Talitha "Lytha" Cotton:
 +[94] Dempsey Powell b: 1747 in Bertie Co., North Carolina m: 1810 in Sumner Co., TN d: 1832 in Davidson Co., TN
 6 [95] Noah Cotton b: Abt. 1755 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Abt. 1815 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 6 [96] Susannah Cotton b: Abt. 1756 in Bertie Co., NC d: Aft. 1813
 +[97] Richard Strother
 7 [137] James Strother
 +[136] Sarah Cotton b: 29 Aug 1783 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: Bef. 29 Jun 1840 in Sumner Co., Tennessee
 7 [167] Susannah Strother
 7 [168] Robert Strother
 7 [169] Nancy Strother
 7 [170] Betsey Strother
 6 [98] Mary Cotton b: Abt. 1758 d: Aft. 1840
 +[99] Absalom Spiers b: 01 Nov 1760 m: 15 Dec 1782 d: 17 May 1810
 7 [171] John Spiers b: 05 Oct 1783 d: 1787
 7 [172] James Spiers b: 20 Apr 1789
 7 [173] Thomas Spiers b: 22 Sep 1790 d: Bef. 1850
 +[174] Mary Ann Spiers b: 12 Aug 1803 m: 14 Aug 1825
 7 [175] William Benjamin Spiers b: 01 Jan 1796
 +[176] Susan O. Spiers
 7 [177] Joseph Spiers b: 04 Mar 1798
 7 [178] Charles Spiers b: 02 Feb 1800
 7 [179] Nancy Spiers b: 12 Aug 1803
 7 [180] George Spiers b: 29 Dec 1805 in Murfreesboro, N.C.
 +[181] Elizabeth Wise m: 15 Mar 1827
 4 [100] Samuel Bridgers b: Abt. 1703 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: 1756 in Northampton Co. North Carolina
 +[101] Mary Johnson b: Abt. 1709 in Isle of Wight Co., VA m: Abt. 1729 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Bef. 27 Jan 1745 in Wayne Co., NC
 5 [102] Mary Johnson Bridgers b: Abt. 1732 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 5 [103] Patience Bridgers b: Abt. 1732 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. 08 Nov 1807 in Wayne Co., NC
 +[104] Stephen Cobb
 4 [105] Benjamin Bridgers b: 1706 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Aft. 23 Nov 1780 in Nash Co., North Carolina
 +[106] Sarah Bryant b: Abt. 1708 in Bertie Co., NC m: Abt. 1729 d: Aft. 08 Oct 1770 in Nash Co., NC
 5 [107] Samuel Bridgers b: Abt. 1730 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1800 in Robeson Co., North Carolina
 +[108] Elizabeth ? m: Abt. 1742 d: 1813
 6 [109] Sampson Bridgers d: 1824
 +[110] Sarah Drake
 7 Samuel Bridgers
 6 [111] Sarah Bridgers
 +[112] Trimmigan Thompson
 6 [113] Samuel Bridgers b: Abt. 1752 in North Carolina d: Bef. 1807
 +[114] Mary Bames b: 15 Jan 1772 in Bladen, North Carolina m: Abt. 1787 in Robeson Co., North Carolina d: 30 Apr 1845 in Claiborne Co., Mississippi
 7 William Bridgers b: 1788 in Robeson Co., North Carolina d: 1850 in Claiborne Co., Mississippi
 7 Sampson Bridgers b: 31 Aug 1790 in Robeson Co., North Carolina d: Aug 1842
 7 Elizabeth Douglas Bridgers b: 1792 in Robeson Co., North Carolina
 7 Elias Bridgers b: 1794 in North Carolina d: 1863 in Monroe, Louisiana
 7 Abram B. Bridgers b: 1796 in Robeson Co., North Carolina d: 1846
 7 Thomas Barnes Bridgers b: 20 Oct 1800 in Robeson Co., North Carolina d: 03 Feb 1826 in Mississippi
 7 Harriet Bridgers b: 1802
 5 [115] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1734 in Edgecombe Precinct, NC d: Bef. Nov 1805 in Nash Co., NC
 +[116] Elizabeth Bass m: Abt. 1772 d: Bef. Oct 1845 in Wilson Co., Tennessee
 6 [117] Micajah Bridgers b: 03 Sep 1770 in Nash Co., NC
 +[118] Nancy Atkinson
 7 Alfred Washington Bridgers b: 1812 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d: 1900
 +Nancy ? b: 1819 in North Carolina d: Bef. 1850 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana
 *2nd Wife of Alfred Washington Bridgers:
 +Elizabeth ? m: Aft. 1860 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana
 5 [119] Joseph Bridgers b: Abt. 1738 in Edgecombe Precinct, NC d: 1805 in Franklin Co., NC

..... 5 [120] Benjami Bridgers b: Abt. 1740 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d: 1822 in Franklin Co., NC
 +[121] Martha Drake
 6 [122] Josiah Bridgers b: 1772 in Franklin Co., NC d: 1841 in Franklin Co., NC
 +[123] Martha Bell m: Bet. 1792 - 1793
 7 George Washington Bridgers b: 1812 in Franklin Co., NC d: May 1847
 +Corrine Bone
 *2nd Wife of George Washington Bridgers:
 +Delaney Bryan m: 1832
 *2nd Wife of [122] Josiah Bridgers:
 +[124] Elizabeth Strickland m: 1814
 5 [125] Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1742 d: Aft. May 1824 in Robeson Co., NC
 5 [126] Benjamin Bridgers b: Abt. 1746 in Edgecombe Precinct, NC d: Aft. 08 Sep 1821 in Franklin Co., NC
 +[127] Martha Braswell m: Abt. 1760
 4 [128] Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1709 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +[129] William Bryant b: Abt. 1700
 4 [130] Elizabeth Bridgers b: Abt. 1712 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +[131] John Onailes
 3 Joseph Bridger b: Abt. 1678 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia d: 05 Sep 1751 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Martha Pitt b: Abt. 1685 in Chuckatuck Plantation, Nansemond Co., Va. m: Abt. 1704 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Bef. 16 Dec 1729 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 4 Joseph Bridger IV b: Abt. 1704 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 1751 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +Sarah Davis b: Abt. 1712 in Isle of Wight Co., VA m: Abt. 1730
 5 John Davis Bridger b: Abt. 1732 d: Bef. 1789 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Martha Mallory m: 1757 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 5 Keziah Bridger b: Abt. 1734
 5 Ann Bridger b: Abt. 1736
 5 Hester Bridger b: Abt. 1738
 5 Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1740 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Bef. 25 May 1812 in Edgecombe Co., NC
 +Robert Pitt m: Abt. 1760 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 5 Sarah Bridgers b: Abt. 1742 d: Bef. 26 Nov 1798
 +William Hodsden m: Abt. 1768
 6 Joseph Bridger Hodsden
 +Mary Wilson Pasteur
 7 John Goodrich Hodsden
 +Catherine Davis
 4 William Bridger b: Abt. 1708 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +Amy ?
 *2nd Wife of Joseph Bridger:
 +Agatha ? m: Abt. 1729
 4 James Bridger b: 1730 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Bef. 07 Nov 1782 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Susannah Sinclair b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA m: Abt. 1751 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 5 William Bridger
 +Patsy ?
 6 Samuel Bridger
 +Juliana ?
 7 Keziah Bridger
 +John Newman
 5 James "Jim" (Mountain Man) Bridger b: Abt. 1770 d: 1817
 +Chloe Tyler b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: in St Louis, Missouri, USA
 6 James Bridger b: 1804 in Richmond, VA d: Jul 1881 in Westport, Missouri
 4 Margaret Bridger b: Abt. 1732 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: 12 Apr 1810 in Devon, England
 +John Goodrich m: 1747 in Virginia
 4 Martha Bridger b: Abt. 1734 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +Joseph Jones m: in Virginia
 4 Mary Bridger b: Abt. 1736 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +[12] Robert Pitt b: Abt. 1740
 5 Joseph Pitt
 5 Henry Pitt
 4 Agatha Bridger b: Abt. 1738 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 4 Katherine Bridger b: Abt. 1740 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 3 John Bridgers b: Abt. 1684 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: 1751
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 4 [5] John David Bridgers b: Abt. 1701
 4 [6] Martha Bridgers b: Abt. 1703
 4 [7] Margaret Bridgers b: Abt. 1705
 4 Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1707
 4 [8] Agatha Bridgers b: Abt. 1709
 4 [9] Katherine Bridgers b: Abt. 1711
 4 [10] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1713
 4 [11] James Bridgers b: Abt. 1715
 *2nd Wife of John Bridgers:
 +WIDOW Dickinson m: Bef. 23 Jun 1735 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 4 [5] John David Bridgers b: Abt. 1701
 4 [6] Martha Bridgers b: Abt. 1703
 4 [7] Margaret Bridgers b: Abt. 1705
 4 Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1707
 4 [8] Agatha Bridgers b: Abt. 1709
 4 [9] Katherine Bridgers b: Abt. 1711
 4 [10] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1713
 4 [11] James Bridgers b: Abt. 1715
 3 Hester Bridgers b: Abt. 1688 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: 1811
 +[12] Robert Pitt b: Abt. 1740
 3 Robert Bridger b: Abt. 1692 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Bef. 02 Feb 1764 in Newport Parish, VA
 +Mary Lear b: 1698 m: in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Aft. 1764
 4 William Bridger b: Abt. 1718 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia d: Bef. 06 Jan 1785 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +Amy ?
 4 Lear Bridger b: Abt. 1722 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Aft. 05 Feb 1770
 +Sally Glover m: in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 4 Samuel Bridger b: Abt. 1727 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 05 Jan 1786 in Newport Parish, Isle of Wight Co., Va.
 4 Rebecca Bridger b: Abt. 1730 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 17 Nov 1763
 4 James Bridger b: Abt. 1734 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +Elizabeth Williams m: Abt. 1764 d: 1812 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 4 Robert Bridger b: 1737 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: 1794 in or Bertie Co., NC /Hertford Co., NC
 +Patience ? b: Abt. 1737 m: Abt. 1758 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Bet. 1802 - 1803 in Bertie Co., North Carolina
 5 Robert Bridger b: Abt. 1760 in Bertie Co., NC
 +Margaret Montgomery m: 02 Nov 1786 in Bertie Co., NC
 5 Thomas Bridger b: Abt. 1762
 5 James Bridger b: Abt. 1766
 5 Margaret Bridger b: Abt. 1766
 +William Speirs m: 18 Oct 1783 in Bertie Co., NC
 5 Lucey Bridger b: Abt. 1769
 5 Joseph Bridger b: Abt. 1774 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Apr 1797

..... +Elsa? b: Bef. 1782 m: Abt. 1794 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Aft. 1797
..... 6 Robert Bridger b: 10 Apr 1797 in Pitt Co., North Carolina d: 30 Oct 1822 in Pitt Co., North Carolina
..... +Nancy Moye b: 27 Feb 1801 in North Carolina m: 1820 d: Aft. 1850
..... 7 Joseph Craven Bridger b: 28 Jan 1821 in Greenville, Pitt Co., NC d: 06 Jan 1887 in Little River, Horry Co., SC
..... +Lunicey Forbes b: 08 Dec 1826 in Greenville, SC m: 18 Nov 1846 in Greenville, Little Horry Co., NC d: 24 May 1878 in Little River, SC
..... *2nd Wife of Joseph Craven Bridger:
..... +Mary Elizabeth Collins b: 01 Mar 1859 m: 1879 d: 04 May 1917
..... 5 Clotilla Bridger b: Abt. 1777
..... 5 Jemimah Bridger b: Abt. 1780 in Bertie Co., NC d: 03 Dec 1857 in Bertie Co., NC
..... 4 Joseph Bridger b: Abt. 1738 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Abt. 1809 in Hertford Co., NC
..... 5 Josiah Bridger
..... +Caroline Wilmore
..... 6 James B. Bridger
..... 4 John Bridger b: Abt. 1740 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 06 Jan 1785 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... +Nancy Wainwright m: Abt. 1762 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 3 James Bridgers b: Abt. 1696 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia d: 14 Dec 1727
..... 3 Elizabeth Bridgers b: Abt. 1698 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Aft. 1727
..... +Tom Lear
..... 2 Martha Bridger b: Abt. 1658 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: 27 May 1714 in Nansemond Co., VA
..... +Thomas Godwin II b: Abt. 1658 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia m: Abt. 1679 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: 1714 in Nansemond Co., Virginia
..... 3 Thomas Godwin b: 1680 d: Bef. 1748 in Nansemond Co., Virginia
..... +Mary Pitt
..... 3 Joseph Godwin b: 1683 d: 1760 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... +Elizabeth? m: Abt. 1679 d: Bef. 07 Nov 1757
..... 4 Patience Godwin
..... +James Pitt
..... 4 Matthew Godwin
..... 5 Joseph Godwin
..... 5 James Godwin
..... 4 William Godwin
..... 4 Thomas Godwin
..... 4 Jonathan Godwin b: Abt. 1710 d: 1769
..... 5 Samuel Godwin
..... 5 Jonathan Godwin
..... 4 James Godwin b: Bet. 1715 - 1720 d: 1750
..... +Elizabeth?
..... 5 James Godwin
..... 5 Joseph Godwin
..... +Mary Moscrop
..... 4 Elizabeth Godwin b: Bef. 1717
..... 4 Samuel Godwin b: Bef. 1717
..... 3 Edmond Godwin b: 1685 d: 1755 in Nansemond Co., VA
..... +Mary Mills b: Abt. 1686
..... 4 Jonathan Godwin b: Abt. 1705 d: 20 Jul 1762 in Parish of Suffolk, Nansemond Co., VA
..... +Anne?
..... 5 Robert Godwin
..... 5 Portia Godwin
..... 5 Ann Godwin
..... +William Townes m: 15 Mar 1792
..... 5 Talbot Godwin
..... +Julia Hatton m: 19 Jul 1797
..... 6 Talbot Godwin
..... 6 Jonathan Lewis Godwin
..... +Julia Campbell m: 1829
..... 7 Augustine de Becque Godwin
..... 7 Archibald Godwin b: 1831 in Chuckatuck d: 19 Sep 1864 in Winchester, Shenandoah Valley
..... *2nd Wife of Jonathan Godwin:
..... +Charity Holladay b: 1710 m: 1725
..... 5 Jonathan Godwin
..... 5 Joseph Godwin
..... +Jane Arnette
..... 5 Mary Godwin b: 1726
..... +? Robinson
..... 5 Charity Godwin b: 1727
..... +James Riddick
..... 5 Huldah Godwin b: Abt. 1728
..... +William Wilkinson b: 1723 d: 1796
..... 6 Amelia Wilkinson
..... +Joseph Godwin
..... 7 Adeline Amelia Godwin
..... +Thomas Henry Pitt Godwin
..... 6 John Wilkinson b: Abt. 1744
..... 5 Ameliora Godwin b: 1730
..... +Anthony Godwin b: 14 Sep 1749 m: 1770
..... 6 Thomas Godwin
..... +Sally Godwin
..... 6 Edmund Godwin
..... 6 Anthony Godwin
..... 6 Jonathan Godwin
..... +Emma Hoockley
..... 6 Joanna Margaret Godwin
..... +Dick Wardrop
..... 6 Esther Godwin
..... +Alfred Hinson b: in Bermuda
..... 7 Emeline Godwin Hinson
..... +? Crump
..... 6 Charity Godwin
..... 6 Frances "Fannie" Godwin
..... +Francis Marshall Boykin b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 6 Margaret Godwin
..... 5 Clotilda Godwin b: 1731
..... +Christopher Godwin
..... 4 Thomas Godwin b: Abt. 1710 d: 1778
..... +Mary Pitt
..... 5 Joseph Godwin d: in Edinburgh, Scotland
..... +Robina Hamilton b: in Edinburgh, Scotland
..... 5 Josiah Godwin
..... +? Holladay
..... *2nd Wife of Josiah Godwin:
..... +Elizabeth Holladay

..... 6 Julianna Godwin
..... +Alfred Hinson b: in Bermuda
..... *2nd Husband of Julianna Godwin:
..... +Thomas Stowe b: in Bermuda
..... 5 Henry Godwin
..... +Ann Groves
..... 6 Sarah Godwin
..... 6 Allen Godwin
..... 6 Thomas Godwin
..... 6 Henry Godwin
..... 6 Julia Godwin
..... 6 Marina Godwin
..... 6 Elizabeth Slaughter Godwin
..... 6 Priscilla Godwin
..... 6 Mary Ann Godwin
..... +Sam Corbell
..... 7 Julia Corbell
..... +Thomas Gibbs
..... *2nd Husband of Julia Corbell:
..... +Joseph Bunch
..... 7 Mary Mills Corbell
..... +Edward Butts
..... 7 Henry Corbell
..... +? Vaughn
..... 6 ? Godwin
..... 6 ? Godwin
..... 6 ? Godwin
..... 6 ? Godwin
..... 6 ? Godwin
..... 5 Mary Ann Godwin
..... +Samuel Corbell
..... 5 Edmond Pitt Godwin
..... +Elizabeth Mardaugh
..... 5 Allen Godwin
..... +Susannah Janet McRae Godwin
..... 6 Janet McRae Godwin
..... +Joseph Holladay Godwin
..... 5 Julia Godwin
..... +Edwin Gray
..... 5 Louisa Godwin
..... +John Cowper m: in Nansemond
..... 6 Thomas Cowper
..... +Elizabeth Cowper
..... 7 Mills Cowper
..... +Dizza Saunders
..... 6 Allen Cowper
..... 6 John Cowper
..... +Martha Bullard
..... 7 William Cowper
..... +Rae ? b: in NC
..... 6 Wills Cowper
..... +Grizzie Gray
..... 7 Ann Eliza Cowper
..... 7 Caroline Virginia Cowper
..... 5 Mills Godwin b: 02 Feb 1760 d: 1825 in Cherry Grove
..... +Sally Blount b: 13 Oct 1758 in Sh Co. m: 08 Feb 1780 in Sh Co. d: 1835 in Cherry Grove
..... 6 ? Godwin
..... 6 Henry Blount Godwin b: 09 Dec 1781
..... 6 Louisa Caroline Godwin b: 15 Apr 1784
..... +John Randolph
..... 7 Eliza Kinsey Randolph
..... +Alex N. Godwin
..... *2nd Husband of Louisa Caroline Godwin:
..... +? deBurgh Godwin
..... *3rd Husband of Louisa Caroline Godwin:
..... +Frederick Hall
..... 7 Frederick Hall
..... 6 Ann Gray Godwin b: 23 Feb 1786 d: 1856
..... +James Holladay b: 1784 d: 1848
..... 7 James Gustavus Holladay b: 1819 d: 1886
..... +Georgianna Watts
..... 6 Thomas Henry Pitt Godwin b: 25 Dec 1788
..... +Eliza J. Godwin
..... 7 Louisa Ann Godwin b: 1813
..... +Z. T. Connier b: in Macon, GA
..... *2nd Wife of Thomas Henry Pitt Godwin:
..... +A. A. Godwin
..... *3rd Wife of Thomas Henry Pitt Godwin:
..... +Catherine Dixon Godwin
..... 3 Samuel Godwin b: 20 May 1688 in Nansemond Co., Virginia d: 1741
..... +Mary Jessey b: 01 Feb 1696 in Virginia m: 19 Jan 1711 d: 23 Dec 1720 in Virginia
..... 4 Samuel/Lemuel Godwin b: 29 Mar 1712 d: 1751
..... +Mary ?
..... 5 Sarah Godwin
..... +Bartholomew Lightfoot m: 1767
..... 4 Thomas Godwin b: 01 Feb 1714
..... +Elizabeth Wilkinson
..... 4 Mary Godwin b: 11 Oct 1717
..... +Jacob Dickinson d: Abt. 1749
..... 5 Christopher Dickinson
..... 5 Chastity Dickinson
..... 5 Celia Dickinson
..... +Albridgeton Jones
..... *2nd Husband of Celia Dickinson:
..... +? Wilson
..... 4 BOY Godwin b: 22 Sep 1720 in Virginia d: 22 Sep 1720 in Virginia
..... *2nd Wife of Samuel Godwin:
..... +Catherine Scott m: 21 Dec 1721 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 4 William Godwin
..... 4 Martha Godwin b: 10 Oct 1722
..... 4 Elizabeth Godwin b: 16 Feb 1723

..... 4 Christine Godwin b: 23 Dec 1725 d: 17 Sep 1726
..... 4 Joshua (Joseph) Godwin b: 27 Oct 1727 d: Abt. 1743 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 4 Ann Godwin b: Sep 1729
..... 4 Richard Godwin b: 10 Nov 1732
..... 4 Edmund Godwin b: 29 Oct 1735
..... 3 William Godwin b: 1689 in Nansemond Co., VA d: 1736 in Nansemond Co., VA
..... +Elizabeth ? m: 1729 in Isle of Wight, Virginia
..... 4 Barnaby Godwin b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Abt. 1789 in Edgecombe Co., NC
..... +Wilkinora Wilkinson
..... 5 Jonathan Godwin b: in Edgecombe Co., NC d: 1802 in Hancock Co., GA
..... +Martha ?
..... 6 [13] William K. Godwin b: 1799 in Georgia d: in Pike Co., MS
..... +[14] Jeannette Sudduth
..... 7 [15] Russell E. Godwin b: 1872 in Mississippi d: 1927 in Greenville, MS
..... +[16] Rebecca Byrd
..... *2nd Wife of Jonathan Godwin:
..... +Martha ?
..... 6 [13] William K. Godwin b: 1799 in Georgia d: in Pike Co., MS
..... +[14] Jeannette Sudduth
..... 7 [15] Russell E. Godwin b: 1872 in Mississippi d: 1927 in Greenville, MS
..... +[16] Rebecca Byrd
..... 4 William Godwin
..... +Margaret ?
..... 5 Sarah Godwin
..... +William Shivers
..... 6 Hannah Shivers
..... +Mills Godwin
..... 7 Mills E. Godwin
..... +Mary Louise Pruden
..... 4 Mary Godwin
..... +Arthur Whitehead
..... 5 Mary Whitehead
..... 5 Arthur Whitehead b: Abt. 1690 d: 1750
..... +Ann Cooke
..... *2nd Wife of Arthur Whitehead:
..... +Isabella Pursell
..... 5 William Whitehead b: Abt. 1695 d: 1728
..... 4 Jane Godwin
..... 4 Sarah Godwin
..... 4 [17] Elizabeth Godwin b: in Isle of Wight, VA d: 27 Mar 1727 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... +[18] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1675 in Isle of Wight Co., VA m: Abt. 1697 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: May 1730 in Meherrin River, Bertie County, North Carolina
..... 5 [19] Joseph Bridgers b: Abt. 1698 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Abt. 1758 in Edgecombe Co., NC
..... +[20] Mary Braswell b: in Bertie Co., North Carolina m: Abt. 1728
..... 6 [21] Braswell Bridgers b: Bet. 1719 - 1720 in Fishing Creek, Edgecombe Co., NC d: Aft. 1768
..... +[22] ?
..... 7 [1] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1742 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d: 1790 in Tyancoca Swamp, North Carolina
..... +[2] Jemima Hobby m: Abt. 1764
..... *2nd Wife of [21] Braswell Bridgers:
..... +[23] Ann ? m: Abt. 1745
..... 7 [1] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1742 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d: 1790 in Tyancoca Swamp, North Carolina
..... +[2] Jemima Hobby m: Abt. 1764
..... 7 [24] Nathan Bridgers b: Abt. 1744 in Halifax Co., NC
..... +[25] Mary ?
..... 7 [26] Elizabeth Bridgers b: Abt. 1748 in Edgecombe Co., NC
..... +[27] William Hudnall m: 21 Feb 1766 in Edgecombe Co., NC
..... 6 [28] Joseph Bridgers b: Abt. 1721
..... 6 [29] Benjamin Bridgers b: Abt. 1724 in bef Nov 1797/ d: in Johnston Co., NC
..... 6 [30] Etheldred Bridgers b: Abt. 1726
..... 6 [31] James Bridgers b: Abt. 1728 d: in Wayne Co., NC
..... 6 [32] Richard Bridgers b: Abt. 1730
..... +[33] ?
..... 7 [34] Drury Bridgers
..... 7 [35] John Bridgers
..... 7 [36] Joseph Bridgers
..... 5 [37] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1701 in Fishing Creek, Edgecombe Co., NC d: 02 Nov 1729 in Bertie Co., NC
..... +[38] Sarah Dew b: Abt. 1705 in Upper Norfolk Co., VA (now Bertie Co., North Carolina) m: Abt. 1720 in Bertie or Chowan Co., NC d: 28 Feb 1754 in Northampton (was Bertie) Co., NC
..... 6 [39] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1721 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. May 1763 in or Northampton Co., NC /Bartley, Upper Norfolk, NC
..... +[40] Rachael ? m: Abt. 1742 d: Bef. Aug 1764 in Northampton Co., NC
..... 7 [41] John Bridger b: Abt. 1743 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1797 in Northampton Co. NC
..... 7 [42] Elizabeth Bridger b: Abt. 1745 in Northampton Co. NC
..... 7 [43] Willis Bridger b: Abt. 1749 in Northampton Co. NC d: Bef. 1802 in Northampton Co. NC
..... 7 [44] William Bridger b: Abt. 1752 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. Mar 1796
..... +[45] Pheraby Forte m: Abt. 1774
..... 7 [46] Patience Bridger b: Abt. 1755 in Northampton Co. NC
..... +[47] Henry Rhoads m: 10 Jul 1772 in Bertie Co., NC
..... 7 [48] Temperance Bridger b: Abt. 1758 in Northampton Co. NC
..... +[49] Samuel Parker m: Bet. 1783 - 1786 d: 1791 in Northampton Co., NC
..... *2nd Husband of [48] Temperance Bridger:
..... +[50] Bryant m: Abt. 1798
..... 6 [51] Sarah Bridgers b: Abt. 1723 in Bertie Co., NC d: May 1777 in Hertford Co., NC
..... +[52] James Cotton b: Abt. 1718 m: Abt. 1737 d: Apr 1758
..... 7 [53] James Cotton b: 1738 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. 1815
..... 7 [54] Henry Cotton b: 1740 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1785 in Halifax Co., VA
..... +[55] Sarah ?
..... 7 [56] Solomon Cotton b: 1743 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. 1771
..... 7 [57] Christen Cotton b: 1746 in Bertie Co., NC d: Deceased
..... 7 [58] Theophilos Cotton b: 1749 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1794 in Halifax Co., VA
..... *2nd Husband of [51] Sarah Bridgers:
..... +[59] James Jones b: in Pitch Landing m: Abt. 1760
..... 7 [60] Mary Jones b: 01 Jan 1764 d: 1794 in Halifax Co., VA
..... +[61] Robert Montgomery
..... 6 [62] Joseph Bridgers b: 1725 in or Northampton Co., NC /Edgecombe/Bertie Co., NC d: 1808 in Northampton Co., NC
..... +[63] ?
..... 7 [64] William Bridgers b: 1744 d: Aft. 1820 in Northampton Co. NC
..... +[65] Lucy Johnson b: 1760 m: Bef. 1782 in Northampton Co. NC d: Feb 1796 in Northampton Co. NC
..... 6 [66] John Bridgers b: Abt. 1727 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. May 1764 in Northampton Co., NC
..... +[67] Faith Ruffin b: Abt. 1725 in Northampton Co. NC m: Abt. 1751 in Northampton Co. NC
..... 7 [68] Edwin Bridges b: in Northampton Co., NC d: Bet. 1779 - 1783 in Bertie Co., NC
..... +[69] Mary Dickinson d: 08 Jul 1818 in Logan Co., Kentucky

..... 7 [70] Sarah Bridgers b: in Northampton Co., NC
 +[71] John Hayes
 7 [72] Purity Bridgers b: in Northampton Co., NC
 +[73] William Deloach
 7 [74] Briton Bridgers b: 1753 in Northampton Co., NC d: Oct 1795 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina
 +[75] Mary Rice b: in Nansemond Co., Virginia m: Abt. 1777
 6 [76] Patience Bridgers b: Abt. 11 Mar 1729 in Upper Norfolk (Bertie Co.), North Carolina d: 05 Jun 1795 in Hertford Co., NC
 +[77] William Cotton b: Abt. 1736 d: 1797
 *2nd Husband of [76] Patience Bridgers:
 +[78] Thomas Cotton b: 1718 in Bertie Co., North Carolina m: 1748 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Aug 1787 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 7 [79] Elizabeth Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 7 [80] Lidia Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 7 [81] Samuel Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 7 [82] Tempy Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 +[83] ? Copeland
 7 [84] Charity E. Cotton d: Aft. 1764
 7 [85] Joseph Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 7 [86] Lowena Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 +[87] ? Read
 7 [88] Sally Cotton
 7 [89] Martha Cotton
 7 [90] James Cotton b: Abt. 1749 d: Abt. 1797 in Northampton Co., NC
 +[91] Elizabeth Dickinson b: Abt. 1775 m: Abt. 1790
 7 [92] Talitha "Lytha" Cotton b: 1752 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: 16 Nov 1846 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[93] Robert Hobday b: 13 May 1744 in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., VA m: Dec 1770 in Halifax, NC d: 16 Nov 1797 in Drake's
 Creek, Sumner Co., TN
 *2nd Husband of [92] Talitha "Lytha" Cotton:
 +[94] Dempsey Powell b: 1747 in Bertie Co., North Carolina m: 1810 in Sumner Co., TN d: 1832 in Davidson Co., TN
 7 [95] Noah Cotton b: Abt. 1755 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Abt. 1815 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 7 [96] Susannah Cotton b: Abt. 1756 in Bertie Co., NC d: Aft. 1813
 +[97] Richard Strother
 7 [98] Mary Cotton b: Abt. 1758 d: Aft. 1840
 +[99] Absalom Spiers b: 01 Nov 1760 m: 15 Dec 1782 d: 17 May 1810
 5 [100] Samuel Bridgers b: Abt. 1703 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: 1756 in Northampton Co., North Carolina
 +[101] Mary Johnson b: Abt. 1709 in Isle of Wight Co., VA m: Abt. 1729 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Bef. 27 Jan 1745 in Wayne Co., NC
 6 [102] Mary Johnson Bridgers b: Abt. 1732 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 6 [103] Patience Bridgers b: Abt. 1732 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. 08 Nov 1807 in Wayne Co., NC
 +[104] Stephen Cobb
 5 [105] Benjamin Bridgers b: 1706 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Aft. 23 Nov 1780 in Nash Co., North Carolina
 +[106] Sarah Bryant b: Abt. 1708 in Bertie Co., NC m: Abt. 1729 d: Aft. 08 Oct 1770 in Nash Co., NC
 6 [107] Samuel Bridgers b: Abt. 1730 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1800 in Robeson Co., North Carolina
 +[108] Elizabeth ? m: Abt. 1742 d: 1813
 7 [109] Sampson Bridgers d: 1824
 +[110] Sarah Drake
 7 [111] Sarah Bridgers
 +[112] Trimmigan Thompson
 7 [113] Samuel Bridgers b: Abt. 1752 in North Carolina d: Bef. 1807
 +[114] Mary Barnes b: 15 Jan 1772 in Bladen, North Carolina m: Abt. 1787 in Robeson Co., North Carolina d: 30 Apr 1845 in
 Claiborne Co., Mississippi
 6 [115] William Bridgers b: Abt. 1734 in Edgecombe Precinct, NC d: Bef. Nov 1805 in Nash Co., NC
 +[116] Elizabeth Bass m: Abt. 1772 d: Bef. Oct 1845 in Wilson Co., Tennessee
 7 [117] Micajah Bridgers b: 03 Sep 1770 in Nash Co., NC
 +[118] Nancy Atkinson
 6 [119] Joseph Bridgers b: Abt. 1738 in Edgecombe Precinct, NC d: 1805 in Franklin Co., NC
 6 [120] Benjami Bridgers b: Abt. 1740 in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina d: 1822 in Franklin Co., NC
 +[121] Martha Drake
 7 [122] Josiah Bridgers b: 1772 in Franklin Co., NC d: 1841 in Franklin Co., NC
 +[123] Martha Bell m: Bet. 1792 - 1793
 *2nd Wife of [122] Josiah Bridgers:
 +[124] Elizabeth Strickland m: 1814
 6 [125] Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1742 d: Aft. May 1824 in Robeson Co., NC
 6 [126] Benjamin Bridgers b: Abt. 1746 in Edgecombe Precinct, NC d: Aft. 08 Sep 1821 in Franklin Co., NC
 +[127] Martha Braswell m: Abt. 1760
 5 [128] Mary Bridgers b: Abt. 1709 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +[129] William Bryant b: Abt. 1700
 5 [130] Elizabeth Bridgers b: Abt. 1712 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +[131] John Onailes
 4 Martha Godwin b: 1661 in Isle of Wight d: 1732
 +John Cotton b: 22 Apr 1658 in Queens Creek, Isle of Wight County, Virginia m: 1701 in Deed Book 2, pg. 69 & Great Book 2, pg. 52/Isle of Wight Co., VA d:
 17 May 1728 in Bertie Co., North Carolina
 5 John Cotton
 6 Anne Cotton
 +John Thomas
 5 Alexander Spotswood Cotton b: 21 Dec 1700 in South Quay, Nansemond County d: 1769 in "Barfield" Bertie County, North Carolina
 +Ann Foster d: 1746
 6 William Cotton b: 1740 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bet. 1790 - 1800 in Hertford Co., NC
 +Ann ?
 7 John Cotton b: 1773 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: 1853 in Warren Co., TN
 +Mary Martha Roberts
 *2nd Wife of Alexander Spotswood Cotton:
 +Elizabeth West b: Sep 1695 in Bertie Co., North Carolina m: 1723 d: 1774 in Barfield" Bertie County, North Carolina
 6 Abner Cotton b: 1745 in Bertie Co., NC
 +Winnifred ?
 7 William E. Cotton b: 1786 in Rowan Co., NC d: 1845 in Noxubee Co., MS
 +Mary Ringo
 6 Cyrus Cotton b: 1747 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1787 in Rowan Co., NC
 +Amelia ?
 7 Cyrus Cotton b: 1774 in Rowan Co., NC d: 25 Jan 1853 in Russell Co., AL
 5 John II Cotton b: Abt. 1701 d: 02 Feb 1741 in North Hampton Co., NC
 +Anne Jones d: Aft. Feb 1740
 6 Anne Cotton d: Aft. Feb 1740
 6 Sarah Cotton d: Aft. Feb 1740
 *2nd Wife of John II Cotton:
 +Judith ? m: Bef. 13 May 1723 d: Aft. 12 Nov 1726
 6 Benjamin Cotton d: Aft. Feb 1740
 6 Mary Cotton d: Aft. Feb 1740
 +? Breecle
 6 John III Cotton b: Abt. 1723 d: 1741
 +Mary Whitmel b: in Ahsokie/Ahsoky
 7 Joab "Jobe" Cotton b: 1736 d: 1796
 +Anna Wilson

..... 5 William Cotton b: Abt. 1705 in Nansemond Co., Virginia d: Bef. 1753
 +[38] Sarah Dew b: Abt. 1705 in Upper Norfolk Co., VA (now Bertie Co., North Carolina) m: Aft. 1729 d: 28 Feb 1754 in Northampton (was Bertie)
 Co., NC
 6 Robert Cotton
 +? Cotten
 *2nd Wife of Robert Cotton:
 +Absilah Cotten
 6 Mariha Cotton
 6 Charles Cotton b: 1732 d: Nov 1763 in North Hampton Co., NC
 6 Priscilla Cotton b: 1734 d: 1791
 +Richard Willis m: 1750
 7 Mary Willis b: 1751 d: 1783
 +John Cotten b: Abt. 1718 d: 1783
 *2nd Husband of Mary Willis:
 +James Tart m: Abt. 1767
 6 [77] William Cotton b: Abt. 1736 d: 1797
 +[76] Patience Bridgers b: Aft. 11 Mar 1729 in Upper Norfolk (Bertie Co.), North Carolina d: 05 Jun 1795 in Hertford Co., NC
 6 Mary Cotton b: 1751 d: 1783
 5 Anne Cotton b: Abt. 1706 d: Aft. 1746
 +John Thomas
 5 Martha Cotton b: Abt. 1706 d: Bef. 1761
 +Francis Benton m: Abt. 1721 d: Bef. May 1728
 *2nd Husband of Martha Cotton:
 +[132] John Spears b: 1693 m: Aft. May 1728 d: 1764
 5 Patience Cotton b: 1706 d: 30 Nov 1725
 +[132] John Spears b: 1693 d: 1764
 5 Mary Cotton b: Abt. 1707
 +? Holland
 5 Samuel Cotton b: 1708 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: 18 May 1774 in Northampton Co., North Carolina
 +Elizabeth West b: 1695
 6 Euridice Cotton
 6 John Cotton b: 1745
 6 Samuel Cotton Jr. b: 1750 in Northampton Co., North Carolina d: 1795 in Edgecombe, Edgecombe Co., North Carolina
 +Elizabeth Ewell b: 1750 in North Carolina, USA m: 1770 in Northampton Co., North Carolina
 *2nd Wife of Samuel Cotton:
 +Lydia Howell b: Abt. 1710 m: 1770 d: 1783 in North Carolina, USA
 6 Roderick Ewell Cotton
 6 Sally Ewell Cotton
 6 John Cotton b: 1745 d: 1811
 5 Joseph Cotton b: Abt. 1710 in Accomack Co., VA d: 1772
 +Elizabeth Ervin
 6 John Cotton b: 1684 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 5 Susannah Cotton b: Abt. 1713
 +Esau Blount
 5 Arthur Cotton b: 09 Sep 1716 in South Quay, Virginia d: 20 May 1789
 +Mary Elizabeth Rutland b: Abt. 1724 m: Abt. 1741 d: 1779 in Mulberry Grove, Hertford Co., NC
 6 Cullen Cotton b: Abt. 1742
 6 Merene (Mariah) Cotton b: Abt. 1745
 +James Moore
 6 Sarah Cotton b: Abt. 1747
 +Lawrence Moore
 *2nd Husband of Sarah Cotton:
 +Sam Bell
 6 Helen Cotten b: Abt. 1750
 +Lewis Powell b: Abt. 1743 d: 1778
 7 Willis Powell b: Abt. 1764 d: 1807 in Bertie Co., NC
 +Celia Everette b: 1761 m: 17 Jan 1782
 7 Arthur Cotten Powell b: Bet. 1766 - 1769 d: in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 +Zilphia Taylor d: 1834
 7 SISTER Powell b: Bet. 1766 - 1771 d: Abt. 1798
 +Lazarus Carter b: Bet. 1750 - 1755 d: 1803
 7 Cader Powell b: Abt. 1771 d: Bet. 1830 - 1831 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 +Cynthia Newsom b: Abt. 1794
 *2nd Wife of Cader Powell:
 +? m: Abt. 1795
 7 Jesse Powell b: 05 Dec 1772 d: 28 Feb 1860 in "Healthy Grove," Halifax Co., VA
 +Charity Harrell b: 1782 m: 27 Oct 1798 d: 1822
 *2nd Wife of Jesse Powell:
 +Nancy Phillips b: 1785 m: 23 Sep 1823 d: 1864
 7 Lewis Powell b: Abt. 1774
 7 William H. Powell b: 1775 d: 1811 in Edgecombe Co., NC
 +Mary Harrison b: 1774 d: 1837
 *2nd Husband of Helen Cotten:
 +Moses Tyler b: Abt. 1756 d: 1788
 7 Richard Tyler b: 1783 d: 1831
 7 John Tyler b: 1785
 7 Perry Cotten Tyler b: 24 Oct 1788 d: 1865
 6 Silvia Cotton b: 1752 d: 05 Jul 1770
 6 Jesse Cotton b: 30 Oct 1754 d: 12 Dec 1802
 6 Carolina Cotton b: 1763 d: 06 Feb 1767
 6 Godwin Cotton b: 03 Feb 1763 in Mulberry Grove, Hertford County, North Carolina d: 05 Jun 1830 in Mulberry Grove, Hertford County, North
 Carolina
 +Sarah Brown b: 1762 m: Bet. 1778 - 1779 in prob. Hertford Co., NC d: 17 Sep 1833 in prob. Hertford Co., NC
 7 Elizabeth "Betsy" Cotton b: Abt. 1780
 +John Srymoure Johnston b: 1773 d: 1807
 *2nd Husband of Elizabeth "Betsy" Cotton:
 +Comelius Moore m: Bet. 1815 - 1818 d: 1823
 7 Esther Cotton b: 02 Jul 1782 in Mulberry Grove, Hertford County, North Carolina d: 06 Sep 1854 in Lawrenceville, VA
 +James Wright Moore b: 07 Mar 1773 in Nansemond Co., VA m: 1804 d: 1815 in Mulberry Grove, Hertford County, North Carolina
 *2nd Husband of Esther Cotton:
 +John "Hell Cat" Jones b: 1764 in Lawrenceville, VA m: 1825 in Brunswick Co., VA d: 1844 in Mulberry Grove, Hertford County,
 North Carolina
 5 [52] James Cotton b: Abt. 1718 d: Apr 1758
 +[51] Sarah Bridgers b: Abt. 1723 in Bertie Co., NC m: Abt. 1737 d: May 1777 in Hertford Co., NC
 6 [53] James Cotton b: 1738 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. 1815
 6 [54] Henry Cotton b: 1740 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1785 in Halifax Co., VA
 +[55] Sarah ?
 7 [133] Elizabeth Cotton
 6 [56] Solomon Cotton b: 1743 in Bertie Co., NC d: Bef. 1771
 6 [57] Christen Cotton b: 1746 in Bertie Co., NC d: Deceased
 6 [58] Theophilus Cotton b: 1749 in Bertie Co., NC d: 1794 in Halifax Co., VA

..... 7 [134] Arthur Kemp Cotton b: 14 Feb 1776 d: 21 Sep 1848 in Allentown, Wilcox Co., AL
 +[135] Sybil Lovelace m: Bet. 1788 - 1790 in South Carolina
 5 [78] Thomas Cotton b: 1718 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Aug 1787 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 +Ann Moore m: Abt. 1740 d: Aft. 1794
 6 Thomas Moore Cotton b: 04 Nov 1748 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: 05 Jun 1795 in Cottontown, Sumner Co., Tennessee
 +Priscilla Knight b: 07 Dec 1748 in Halifax Co., North Carolina m: 1769 in North Carolina d: 01 Nov 1843 in Cottontown, Tennessee
 7 Mary "Polly" Cotton b: 24 Jan 1770 in Hertford Co., NC d: Abt. 1846 in Sumner Co., Tennessee
 +James "Pryer" Cryer d: Bef. 1823
 *2nd Husband of Mary "Polly" Cotton:
 +? Foxall
 7 Moore Carter Cotton b: 27 Dec 1771 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: 13 Dec 1836 in Cottontown, Sumner County, Tennessee
 +Polly Crawford b: Feb 1780 m: 01 Feb 1800 in Sumner Co., TN
 *2nd Wife of Moore Carter Cotton:
 +Elizabeth Level "Lovey" Edwards b: 11 Feb 1804 in Cottontown, Sumner County, Tennessee m: 10 Jan 1825 in Cottontown, Sumner
 County, Tennessee d: 15 Jun 1852 in Cottontown, Sumner County, Tennessee
 7 Elizabeth "Betsy" Cotton b: 28 Dec 1774 d: 1781 in North Carolina
 7 Tabitha "Liitha" Cotton b: 13 Sep 1776 in Hertford Co., NC d: Bef. 1845
 +John Orr m: 21 Mar 1800 in Sumner Co., TN
 7 John Cotton b: 14 Dec 1778 d: in Sumner Co., TN
 7 Allen Cotton b: 12 Mar 1781 d: 16 Feb 1868 in Nashville, TN
 +Polly Parham
 7 James Allen Cotton b: 12 Mar 1781 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: 12 Feb 1868 in Davidson Co., TN
 +Mary Barham
 *2nd Wife of James Allen Cotton:
 +Mary Barham
 7 [136] Sarah Cotton b: 29 Aug 1783 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: Bef. 29 Jun 1840 in Sumner Co., Tennessee
 +[137] James Strother
 7 Noah Cotton b: 1785
 7 Arthur "Butler" M. Cotton b: 02 Oct 1785 in Hertford, Perquimans, North Carolina, USA d: 14 Feb 1849 in Cottontown, Sumner
 County, Tennessee
 +Sarah "Sally" Daniel b: 1788 d: 1848
 *2nd Wife of Arthur "Butler" M. Cotton:
 +Sarah "Sally" Daniels b: 03 Sep 1788 in Halifax Co., North Carolina m: Abt. 1810 in Sumner County, TN d: 07 Feb 1846 in Sumner
 Co., Tennessee
 7 Sanders Cotton b: Abt. 1786
 7 Alexander "Sanders" Cotton b: 30 Oct 1791 in Hertford, Perquimans, North Carolina, USA d: Abt. 1864 in Murfreesboro, Rutherford,
 Tennessee, USA
 +Mariah Barrett b: 1792 m: Abt. 1769 in North Carolina
 *2nd Wife of [78] Thomas Cotton:
 +[76] Patience Bridgers b: Aft. 11 Mar 1729 in Upper Norfolk (Bertie Co.), North Carolina m: 1748 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: 05 Jun 1795 in
 Hertford Co., NC
 6 [79] Elizabeth Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 6 [80] Lidia Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 6 [81] Samuel Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 6 [82] Tempy Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 +[83] ? Copeland
 6 [84] Charity E. Cotton d: Aft. 1764
 6 [85] Joseph Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 6 [86] Lowena Cotton d: Aft. Aug 1787
 +[87] ? Read
 7 [138] Temperance Read
 6 [88] Sally Cotton
 6 [89] Martha Cotton
 6 [90] James Cotton b: Abt. 1749 d: Abt. 1797 in Northampton Co., NC
 +[91] Elizabeth Dickinson b: Abt. 1775 m: Abt. 1790
 7 [139] Dickinson Cotton b: Abt. 1791
 7 [140] Mary Cotton b: Abt. 1795
 6 [92] Talitha "Lytha" Cotton b: 1752 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: 16 Nov 1846 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[93] Robert Hobday b: 13 May 1744 in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., VA m: Dec 1770 in Halifax, NC d: 16 Nov 1797 in Drake's Creek,
 Sumner Co., TN
 7 [141] Robert Hobday Jr. b: 1765
 +[142] Lydia Harper
 7 [143] Hannah Hobday b: Bet. 1765 - 1775
 +[144] Wyriott Blount m: 15 Apr 1793
 7 [145] Ripsy Ann Hobday b: Bet. 1770 - 1775
 +[146] John Wimberly Harrell b: 1743 m: 27 Jan 1792 in NC Hist. & Gen Register, Vol. 2, #3, pg. 367/Bertie Co., NC
 7 [147] Edmond Hobday b: 28 Dec 1776 in Northampton Co. NC d: 11 Jun 1853 in Pike Co., AL
 +[148] Nancy Ann Harrell b: Abt. 1779 in VA m: Abt. 1790 in Pike Co., AL (now Bullock Co.) d: 1840 in Pike Co., AL
 7 [149] Thomas Cotton Hobdy b: 1780 in Halifax, Northampton Co., NC d: Aft. 1850 in Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky
 +[150] Elizabeth Brackin b: 1781 in Orange Co., N. C. m: 1800 in North Carolina d: Aft. 1850 in Morgantown, Butler County,
 Kentucky
 7 [151] Elizabeth Hobday b: 1783 in Halifax Co., North Carolina d: Bet. 1840 - 1850 in Haywood Co., Tennessee
 +[152] John C. Rhoads m: 19 Mar 1800 in Davidson Co., TN
 7 [153] Patience Hobday b: 03 Nov 1785 in Northampton Co., NC d: 25 Jul 1837
 +[154] Jacob Cartwright b: 21 Feb 1767 m: 1803
 7 [155] William Hobday b: 17 May 1787 d: 04 Jan 1857 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[156] Elizabeth "Betsey" Scruggs m: 20 Dec 1810 in Sumner Co., TN
 7 [157] John William "Jack" Hobday b: 1790 in Northampton Co., NC d: 31 Dec 1852 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[158] Nancy Cummings m: 04 Oct 1817 in Sumner Co., TN
 *2nd Wife of [157] John William "Jack" Hobday:
 +[159] Elizabeth Clay Hodges m: 22 Sep 1835 in Sumner Co., TN d: 13 Jul 1899
 7 [160] Tabitha "Bethy" Hobday b: 22 Feb 1792 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: 01 Oct 1851 in Benton, Scott Co., Missouri
 +[161] Wylie Howell b: 01 May 1788 in Bertie Co., NC m: 13 Aug 1810 in Davidson Co., TN d: 18 Sep 1859 in Benton, Scott Co., or
 Howell Co., Missouri
 *2nd Husband of [160] Tabitha "Bethy" Hobday:
 +[162] John Bobdy m: 10 Oct 1817 in Sumner Co., TN
 7 [163] Talitha "Lethy" Hobday b: 22 Feb 1792 in Bertie Co., North Carolina
 +[164] William P. Bym m: 1808 in Tennessee
 7 [165] Richard "Dick" Hobday b: 22 Apr 1794 in Northampton Co., NC d: 02 Jul 1851 in Sumner Co., TN
 +[166] Elizabeth "Betsy" Cotton b: 1804 in Cottontown, Sumner, Tennessee, USA m: 03 Mar 1819 in Sumner Co., TN d: Aft. 1860 in
 prob Sumner Co., TN
 *2nd Husband of [92] Talitha "Lytha" Cotton:
 +[94] Dempsey Powell b: 1747 in Bertie Co., North Carolina m: 1810 in Sumner Co., TN d: 1832 in Davidson Co., TN
 6 [95] Noah Cotton b: Abt. 1755 in Bertie Co., North Carolina d: Abt. 1815 in Hertford Co., North Carolina
 6 [96] Susannah Cotton b: Abt. 1756 in Bertie Co., NC d: Aft. 1813
 +[97] Richard Strother
 7 [137] James Strother
 +[136] Sarah Cotton b: 29 Aug 1783 in Hertford Co., North Carolina d: Bef. 29 Jun 1840 in Sumner Co., Tennessee
 7 [167] Susannah Strother
 7 [168] Robert Strother
 7 [169] Nancy Strother

..... 7 [170] Betsey Strother
 6 [98] Mary Cotton b: Abt. 1758 d: Aft. 1840
 +[99] Absalom Spiers b: 01 Nov 1760 m: 15 Dec 1782 d: 17 May 1810
 7 [171] John Spiers b: 05 Oct 1783 d: 1787
 7 [172] James Spiers b: 20 Apr 1789
 7 [173] Thomas Spiers b: 22 Sep 1790 d: Bef. 1850
 +[174] Mary Ann Spiers b: 12 Aug 1803 m: 14 Aug 1825
 7 [175] William Benjamin Spiers b: 01 Jan 1796
 +[176] Susan O. Spiers
 7 [177] Joseph Spiers b: 04 Mar 1798
 7 [178] Charles Spiers b: 02 Feb 1800
 7 [179] Nancy Spiers b: 12 Aug 1803
 7 [180] George Spiers b: 29 Dec 1805 in Murfreesboro, N.C.
 +[181] Elizabeth Wise m: 15 Mar 1827
 5 Priscilla Cotton b: Abt. 1721
 +Francis Leonard
 *2nd Husband of Martha Godwin:
 +William Green m: Bef. Nov 1731
 4 Joseph Godwin b: Abt. 1701 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 04 Feb 1726
 3 Martha Godwin b: 1692
 3 James Godwin b: 1692
 +Sarah Kinchen m: Bef. 1734
 4 James Godwin
 4 Martha Godwin
 4 Matthew Godwin
 +Charlotte Darley
 5 James Godwin
 6 ? Godwin
 +James Holladay
 5 Kinchen Godwin
 +? Godwin
 6 Wright Godwin
 6 Burgh Godwin
 5 William Godwin
 5 Edwin Godwin
 +Elizabeth Hunter b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 *2nd Wife of Edwin Godwin:
 +Nancy Stokley
 5 Sally Godwin
 +Joseph Corbell
 5 Charlotte Godwin
 5 Mary Godwin
 5 Rachel Godwin
 5 Amelia Godwin
 4 Elizabeth Godwin
 3 Mary Godwin b: 1694
 3 Elizabeth Godwin b: 1696 d: 1761 in Halifax Co., NC
 +Barnaby Kearney d: Bet. 1733 - 1737
 *2nd Husband of Elizabeth Godwin:
 +? Davis
 2 Samuel Bridger b: Abt. 1663 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia d: 1713
 +Elizabeth Godwin m: Bef. 15 Feb 1693 d: Aft. 05 Apr 1717
 2 Elizabeth Bridger b: Abt. 1665 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia d: 1717 in Nansemond Co., Virginia
 +Thomas Lear b: Abt. 1657 in Nansemond Co., VA m: 1686 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Bef. 26 Mar 1693 in Nansemond Co., Virginia
 3 Thomas Lear b: Abt. 1685 in Virginia
 3 Elizabeth Lear b: Abt. 1687
 3 John Lear b: Abt. 1689
 +Elizabeth Thompson m: in Nansemond Co., Virginia
 3 Martha Lear b: Abt. 1691
 2 Mary Bridger b: Abt. 1667 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia
 +Richard Tibboth m: Bef. 03 Aug 1683 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia
 2 William Bridger b: Abt. 1669 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 23 Nov 1730 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Elizabeth Allen b: 1662 in Surry Co., VA m: Abt. 1696 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia
 3 Joseph John Bridger b: Abt. 1697 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 25 Mar 1728 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 3 Samuel Bridger b: Abt. 1700 d: Bef. 1730
 3 Martha Bridger b: Abt. 1703 d: Bef. 27 Sep 1730
 3 William Bridger b: Abt. 1706 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 24 Jul 1732 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Martha Smith m: Abt. 1727 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Aft. 27 Sep 1742 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 4 Joseph Bridger b: Abt. 1728 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: 1769 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Mary Pierce b: Bet. 1749 - 1750 m: Abt. 1760 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 5 Judith Bridger
 +Richard Baker
 *2nd Husband of Judith Bridger:
 +Richard Blake
 5 Katherine Bridger
 +Blake Baker
 *2nd Husband of Katherine Bridger:
 +Blake Baker
 3 Arthur Bridger b: Abt. 1710 d: Bef. 27 Sep 1730
 3 James Bridger b: Abt. 1713 in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Aft. 1774
 2 Hester Bridger b: Abt. 1671 in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 +George Williamson b: Bef. 1668 in Isle of Wight Co., VA m: in Virginia d: Bef. 28 May 1722 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 3 Robert Williamson b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 3 John Williamson b: in Isle of Wight County, VA
 3 Julianna Williamson b: in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
 3 George Williamson b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Frances Davis m: Bef. 04 Mar 1721 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 3 Thomas Williamson b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Olive Exum m: in Virginia
 3 Hester Williamson b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Aft. 14 May 1748
 +Jacob Darden m: Bef. 1721 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 4 Charles Darden b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 4 John Darden
 4 Jacob Darden b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 +Elizabeth ? m: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 *2nd Husband of Hester Williamson:
 +William Bidgood m: Aft. 26 Apr 1721 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 4 Elizabeth Bidgood b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA d: Aft. 30 Mar 1756 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 4 Ann Bidgood b: Bef. 1728 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
 4 William Bidgood b: Bef. 1728
 +Jane Ingram m: in Isle of Wight Co., VA

..... 4 Josiah Bidgood b: Aft. 1728 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 4 John Bidgood b: 03 Feb 1734 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 4 Richard Bidgood b: 13 Feb 1736 in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 3 Elizabeth Williamson b: in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia d: Bef. 1736
..... +? Joyner m: in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
..... 3 Patience Williamson
..... +Robert Exum m: in Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
..... 4 Ann Exum b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... +John Westray m: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... 4 Susannah Exum b: in Isle of Wight Co., VA
..... +David Atkinson m: in Isle of Wight Co., VA

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Hallidays, and other families of the
of special notice; but the writer has
for the purpose.

ARTICLE XXV.

Parishes in Isle of Wight and Southampton.

THE Isle of Wight was one of the eight original shires in the year 1634, and embraced what is now Southampton, extending from James River to the North Carolina line,—a distance of ninety miles. The first name it bore was Warrosquoyacke, which, in the course of three years, was changed to its present. In all the early notices of the Colony we have frequent mention of this settlement, for it was among the earliest, being not far from Jamestown, on the other side of the river. We find in Henning's Statutes, that in 1642 it was divided into two parishes, the upper and lower, or Newport and Warwicksqueake, each extending the full length of the county, or ninety miles. The condition of the division, however, was that the Rev. Mr. Falkner, the minister, should not lose any thing of his salary by the change. In the year 1734, those parts of the two parishes which lay south of Blackwater were united in one, under the name of Nottoway parish, while those on the north of it were to be united under the name of Newport parish. In the year 1748, fourteen years later, Southampton was cut off from Isle of Wight, the parish still retaining the name of Nottoway. In the year 1762 this was again divided by the Nottoway River running through Southampton, into two parishes, and St. Luke's established. There are no Church records of this parish to which I can resort for information about it. At the time of Tarleton's invasion of Virginia, he sent a detachment to Macclesfield, the residence of Colonel Josiah Parker, of Revolutionary memory, in hopes to take him and destroy his papers, &c. In the former he failed, but in the latter succeeded. Among the effects destroyed were the vestry-book and some Church-papers, which he, as a warm friend of the Church, had in keeping. It appears, however, that, notwithstanding the vigilance of Arnold's men, some papers relating to the Church were preserved and remained in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Cowper, until the war of 1812, when a militia force which was stationed near Macclesfield, being in want of cartridge-paper, obtained from the servants what they supposed was waste paper; and thus what remained of Church records was used in the service of the country. Such being the case, I must rely on tradi-

Mrs. Anne P. P. Cowper
(see pg. 305)

much of the Quakers, who annoyed Anabaptists, who were then found most of all of some of our own the religion of the laity. His see, was an instance of this. He on the Nottoway River,—Christina, and which was in his parish, though which was cut off from the Isle of Wight, the example of the Colonists and its influence no schools in his parish. His more than thirty or forty. His glebe on it. The tobacco raised there, very reduced price, so that his salary of Commissary Blair and others, he tenant, but a very faithful and laborer for a long time,—perhaps until

Mr. Bayley, in the lower parish, we have of him, the very reverse. Spottswood speak of him, in their and others, as a most notoriously that he has tried sharp reproof shall be obliged to adopt some—ever did does not appear. He in the way of discipline, were so that he was obliged to pass by many

of London, it appears that Mr. States,—during a part of which he Baltimore,—that there were four about forty communicants. He katuck, in Nansemond, under his the week. In answer to the questions in his parish, he says, "Yes, the mode of their conversion was "by peaks also of there being some out in such way that we conclude schools.

tradition, that there was a Mr. of the parish in which the old died in the aisle of it. Then the Southampton, was minister of

the parish for the years 1773, 1774, 1775, and 1776; how much longer we know not. He went from thence to Northampton. The last of whom we hear was the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, who was ordained by the Bishop of London in 1766. When he entered on his charge we know not, as he was minister in Warwick in the year 1776. He died in the parsonage on the glebe of Newport parish, after the year 1802. He manifested his attachment to the Church by preaching to the last, though there were only two or three persons present.

No vestry-book furnishing us with a list of the vestrymen, we insert the names of some of the families in this parish:—Bridger, Smith, Pierce, Parker, Young, Cary, Pedier, Wills, Godwin, Burwell, Cocke, Holliday, Todd, Purdy, Tucker, Butler, &c. The tombstone of an ancestor of the Bridgers still stands on a farm a few miles from the Old Brick Church, with an inscription which declares him to have been a Councillor of State for Virginia under Charles II., and that he died in 1682.

Since writing the foregoing, I have received further information concerning this parish from a friend, who has come into possession of the fragments of an old vestry-book, which partially cover the period lying between 1724 and 1771. As we have stated above, the worthy Alexander Forbes was the minister in 1724, as appears by his letter to the Bishop of London in that year; but, according to the vestry-record, in two years after the Rev. Mr. Barlow is the minister officiating occasionally, being the minister of some neighbouring parish. In the year 1727, we find the Rev. Mr. Bayley—the minister of the lower parish, of whom we spoke as being so unworthy a man—applying for this parish. The vestry dispose of his application by electing him on the condition that "he make it appear that he is not in any ways debarred or silenced by any order of Government." It appears, from other documents in my possession, that he had been thus "debarred and silenced." He was a notorious character, and, either before or after this, was in North Carolina and other parts of Virginia, seeking employment.

In the year 1729, the Rev. John Gammill was chosen minister, and continued so until his death in 1744. The following letter from Governor Gooch to the vestry speaks well of him:—

"GENTLEMEN:—

"It is a great satisfaction to me that I can now recommend to your parish, which has been so long without a minister so good a man as the

bearer hereof, the Rev. Mr. Gammill, whose good life and conversation will be very agreeable to you, as it is to, gentlemen,

"Your affectionate friend and humble servant,

"WILLIAM GOOCH.

"WILLIAMSBURG, March 3, 1729-30."

Commissary Blair also recommends him highly.

After Mr. Gammill's ministry the Rev. Mr. Camm occasionally officiated in this parish. Then the Rev. Mr. McKensie preached nine sermons. In the year 1746, we find the Rev. John Reid present with the vestry; and he seems to have been the minister until 1755, when the record becomes defective. In 1766, the Rev. Mr. Milner is the minister, and resigns in 1770. Tradition says, as we have stated, that a Rev. Mr. Pedier was once minister, and was buried in Old Smithfield Church. It is probable he succeeded Mr. Milner. Then came Mr. Burgess and Hubard, as before stated. The old vestry-book confirms what has been stated as to the position of the three churches of this parish.

The following is the list of vestrymen during the period of which it is a record:—

"Laurence Baker, Samuel Davis, Matthew Jones, Thomas Walton, William Kinchin, William Crumples, William Bridger, James Day, George Reddick, Matthew Wills, Reuben Proctor, Nathaniel Ridley, Thomas Woodly, John Goodrich, George Williamson, James Ingles, John Porson, John Davis, John Simmons, William Wilkinson, Joseph Godwin, Henry Lightfoot, James Bridger, John Monro, Thomas Parker, Hardy Council, Henry Pitt, Arthur Smith, Richard Wilkinson, Henry Applewhaite, Thomas Day, John Laurence, Hugh Giles, Thomas and John Applewhaite, Thomas Tynes, John Eley, Thomas Smith, Jordan Thomas, John Darden, Dolphin Drew, John Wills, William Hodsden, William Salter, Robert Barry, Charles Tilghman, Robert Burwell, Miles Wills, Edmund Godwin."

In the foregoing list, my friend remarks, are forty different surnames, almost all of which are now to be found in Isle of Wight and Southampton counties; that is, within the original bounds of old Warwickshire shire and parish. It appears from the vestry-book that, in the year 1737,—that is, one hundred and five years after it was first built,—the Old Smithfield Church had a new covering of shingles put upon it. This was doubtless the first repair of the kind since its erection, for it was no uncommon thing for a well-built roof to last thus long. Old Yeocomico Church, in Westmoreland, has one on it at this time of greater age.

I have alluded to the families of Bridger and Parker, and their mansion at Macclesfield,—a few miles from Old Smithfield Church,

—in the first part of this article, and a friend has furnished me with the following explanatory remarks:—

"Inscription on the tomb of the Hon^{ble} Jose to the British troops in America during of Charles the Second of England.

"Sacred to the memory of the Hon^{ble} State to Charles the 2d. He dyed Apr 58 years, mournfully leaving his wife, th

Some eulogistic verses are added, following:—

*"Can nature silent mourn, and
Make his true worth to futur
Here lies the late great minis
That royall virtues had, and*

Perhaps it was as great an honour to the man who built Old Smithfield Church as to the Councillors of the corrupt Charles II. Sir William Berkeley against him with the words, "That he was the son of the man who was stated in the following words accomp

"General Bridger was the son and superintended the building of St. Luke port parish, Isle of Wight county."

My friend adds these words:—

"The above is taken from a copy m Cowper, of Macclesfield, from the tor farm about three miles below the Old perfect state. This farm was a part of descended to Mrs. Cowper from her m and married Colonel Josiah Parker, of 1

I have also referred to a small Nantwich county, of which I could find no documents. A friend has sent me the vestry-book of this parish, which covers the vestry from December of the year 1737 to give the names of the gentlemen of the period:—

"Captain Edmund Godwin, Major Th Mr. James Davis, Mr. Oliver Slaughter,

mill, whose good life and conversation
is to, gentlemen,
friend and humble servant,

"WILLIAM GOOCH.

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explanatory remarks:—

*"Inscription on the tomb of the Hon^{ble} Joseph Bridger, Paymaster-General
to the British troops in America during Bacon's Rebellion, in the reign
of Charles the Second of England.*

"Sacred to the memory of the Hon^{ble} Joseph Bridger, Councillor of
State to Charles the 2d. He dyed April 15, Anno Domini 1688, aged
58 years, mournfully leaving his wife, three sons, and four daughters."

Some eulogistic verses are added, from which we select the fol-
lowing:—

"Can nature silent mourn, and can dumb stone
Make his true worth to future ages known?
Here lies the late great minister of state,
That royall virtues had, and royall fate."

Perhaps it was as great an honour to him to be the son of the
man who built Old Smithfield Church as to have been one of the
Councillors of the corrupt Charles II., and to have acted with
Sir William Berkeley against him who is called the rebel Bacon.
That he was the son of the man who contracted for the church is
stated in the following words accompanying the inscription:—

"General Bridger was the son and heir of the Joseph Bridger who
superintended the building of St. Luke's, (the Brick Church,) in New-
port parish, Isle of Wight county."

My friend adds these words:—

"The above is taken from a copy made by the late Mrs. Anne P. P.
Cowper, of Macclesfield, from the tombstone, which is erected on a
farm about three miles below the Old Brick Church, and is still in a
perfect state. This farm was a part of an immense landed estate which
descended to Mrs. Cowper from her mother, who was a widow Bridger,
and married Colonel Josiah Parker, of Revolutionary celebrity."

I have also referred to a small parish, called Chuckatuck, in
Nansemond county, of which I could say nothing for want of any
documents. A friend has sent me the copy of a portion of an old
vestry-book of this parish, which contains the proceedings of the
vestry from December of the year 1702 to 1709. I will first
give the names of the gentlemen composing the vestry during that
period:—

"Captain Edmund Godwin, Major Thomas Swann, Captain L. Havield,
Mr. James Davis, Mr. Oliver Slaughtor, Mr. James Cewling, Mr. Thomas

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GLOUCESTER 6 Oct. 1699

James Ransome
Mordecai Cook, Sheriff
Conquest Wyatt
John Gwynn
Sands Knowles

QUORUM

Richard Booker
Ambrose Dudley
Thomas Todd
Thomas Buckner
Anthony Gregory

Peter Beverley, Clk. Ct.

MIDDLESEX 26 April 1698

Wm. Skipwith, Bart. - Sheriff
Matthew Kemp
Wm. Churchill
Wm. Wormeley
Gavin Corbin
Thomas Landon

QUORUM

Francis Weekes
Robert Dudley
Henry Thacker
John Smith
Richard Willis
John Grymes

Edwin Thacker, Clk. Ct.

SURREY 12 December 1698

Henry Tooker
William Brown
Thomas Holt - Sheriff
James Mason
Nathaniel Harrison

QUORUM

William Newsom
Wm. Cook
Thomas Drew
John Edwards

Francis Clements, Clk. Ct.

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A LIST of the quantity of LAND, Number of Tithables,
and Civill Officers in the Dominion of Virginia
this 8th Day of July 1702

ACCOMACK COUNTY. 200,861 acres of land. 1,041 Tithables

BURGESSES - Tho: Welburn, Tully Robinson

SHERIFF - _____

JUSTICES - Edw'd Scarbrough, Geo. Nich. Hack, Rich. Bayly,

Tho: Welburn, Benitt Scarbrough, Geo: Parker, Rob't Hutchinson,

Edw. Moore, Rob't Pitt, Jno. Watts, Southy Littleton

ESCHEATOR - Edw. Scarbrough

CORONORS - Edw'd Scarbrough, Tho: Welburne, Geo: Parker

COUNTY CLERK - Jno. Washburne

SURVEYOR - Edw'd Scarbrough

CHARLES CITY. 169,901 Acres of land. 1,327 Tithables

BURGESSES - Rich: Bland, Jno. Wynn

SHERIFF - Char: Goodrich

JUSTICES - Rich: Bland, Dan: Luellin, Char: Goodrich, Robert Bolling,

Little'y Epes, Geo: Blighton, Jno. Hardiman, Micaiah Low, Jno. Wynn,

Rich: Bradford, Jno. Terry

ESCHEATOR - Wm. Randolph

CORONORS - _____

COUNTY CLERK - Ben: Harrison

SURVEYOR - Rob't Bolling

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ISLE OF WIGHT. 130,496 acres of land. 876 Tithables

BURGESSES - Hen: Applethwaite, Tho: Giles

SHERIFF - Wm. Bridger

JUSTICES - Hen: Applethwaite, Sam'l Bridger, Geo: Moor, Jerom: Exam,
Hen: Baker, Tho: Giles, Ant'o Holliday, Arth: Smith,
Rob't Key, Hump: Marshall, Pitt Bridger, Hen: Applethwaite
Jr.

ESCHEATOR - Wm. Randolph

CORONORS - Hen: Applethwaite, Geo: Moore

COUNTY CLERK - Char: Chapman

SURVEYOR - Thomas Swain

KING & QUEEN. 209,102 acres of land. 1,848 Tithables

BURGESSES - Wm. Leigh, Jam's Taylor

SHERIFF - Jno. Walker

JUSTICES - Wm. Leigh, Rich: Gregory, Tho: Paulin, John Waller,
Rich'd Anderson, Wm. Byrd, Jam's Taylor, Jno. Storey,
Geo: Braxton, Hen: Fielding, Jno. Wyatt, John Major,
Tho: Pettit

ESCHEATOR - Matt Page

CORONORS - _____

COUNTY CLERK - Rob't Beverley

SURVEYOR - Harry Beverley

KING WILLIAM. _____ acres of land. 803 Tithables

BURGESSES - Jno. West, Nath: West

SHERIFF - Jno. Waller

JUSTICES - Hen: Fox, Jno. Waller, Jno. West, Hen: Madison,
Wm. Clayborne, Rich'd Gissedge, Martin Palmer, Dan'l
Miles, Rog'r Mallory, Tho. Carr, Wm. Noy, Geo: Dabney,
Tho: Terry

ESCHEATOR - Matt: Page

COUNTY CLERK - Wm. Aylett

SURVEYOR - Harry Beverley

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LANCASTER. _____ acres of land

BURGESSES - Jos: Ball, Wm. F

SHERIFF - Hen: Fleet

JUSTICES - Dav: Fox, Jos: F
Alex: Swan, Wm.
Tho: Martin, Ric

ESCHEATOR - _____

CORONORS - Dav'd Fox, Jno.

COUNTY CLERK - Jos. Tayloe

SURVEYOR - _____

MIDDLESEX. 48,200 acres of land

BURGESSES - Gawin Corbin, Ed

SHERIFF - Sr. Wm. Skipwort

JUSTICES - Sr. Wm. Skipwort
Rob't Dudley, Ge
Jno. Smith, Jno.
Tobias Micklebro

ESCHEATOR - Matt Page

CORONORS - Matt Kemp

COUNTY CLERK - Edw'n Thacker

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Jonathan Gibson, Joseph Strother,
Thomas Vivian, Quorum. Samuel Skinker (?)
Rowland Thornton (?) William Strother Jr.,
Jeremiah Murdock, Mar't Robinson
Thomas Turner
Hanover, Sittenburn port
Mr. Edzer, Mr. Beckett
John Warner
Robert Carter Esq.

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SEMOND COUNTY (Continued)

A List of her Maj'tys Qt. Rents in the ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY 1704

Acres

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Jno. Atkins 200
James Atkinson 400
Wm. Exam 1440
Wm. Brown 150
Francis Exam 200
Rich'd Bennett 70
James Briggs 200
Ph. Bratley 200
Abr. Drawler 200
Jno. Branch 45
Francis Branch 50
Edw'd Brantley 175
Jno. Brantley 364
Edw'd Boykin 1100
Geo. Barloe 80
Jno. George 200
Tho. Carter 700
Reubin Cooke 250
Jno. Clarke 850
Tho. Cook 300
Wm. Clark 600
Edw'd Champion 600
Jno. Dowles 150
Peter Deberry 100
Thomas Davis 100
Jno. Davis 250
Peter Hayes 600
Christ'o Hollyman 400
Rich'd Hardy 700
Tho. Holyman 150
Jno. Harris 365
Silvester Hill 925
Roger Hodge 300
Arthur Jones 900
Edw'd Jones 250
Rich'd Jones 250
Jno. Johnson 890
Roger Ingram 300
Matt. Jordan 1950
Tho. Newman 360
Geo. Readick 790
Francis Lee 100
Ph. Pardoe 100
Jno. Parsons 155
Geo. Moore 400
Jno. Mangann 100
Rob't Mongo 400
Henry Martin 200
Jno. Murray 650
Francis Rayner 80
Jno. Richardson 150
James Sampson 1200
Jno. Stevenson 150
Tho. Sherrer 200
Wm. Thomas 250

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY (Continued)

Acres

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY (Continued)

Acres

Hodges Council 420
Hardy Council 760
Tho. Reeves 600
Wm. Crumpler 580
Bridgman Joyner 1100
Eliz'b Swan 600
Tho. Jones 700
Arthur Whitehead 250
Tho. Allen 150
Jeremiah Exam 300
Nich'o Casey 550
Jno. Giles 1150
Alex'd Connell 200
Jno. Rutter 300
Godfrey Hunt 600
Wm. Trygell 100
Tho. Jordan 207
Benj'a Jordan 150
Jno. King 300
Wm. Wilkinson 200
Tho. Grace 160
Wm. West 50
Jno. Penny 300
Rob't Richards 100
Tho. Northworthy (?) 1000
Geo. Green 250
Jno. Dauer 100
Phil. Pearce 500
Wm. Best 100
Humphrey Marshall 600
Tho. Brewer 200
Wm. Smith 2100
Sam'll & Wm. Bridger 12900
Wm. Williams 100
Rich'd Ratcliffe 380
Joshua Jordan 150
Dan'll Sandbourne 180
Nich'o Houlghan 780
Mary Marshall 200
Joseph Godwin 250
Joseph Bridger 580
Henry Pitt 700
James Barron 300
Arthur Smith 3607
Robert Brock 400
Wm. Godwin 400
Hugh Braley 1000
Henry Turner 350
Tho. Wooten 963
Rich'd Reynolds Esq'r 853
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Jno. Parnell 400
Benj'm Deall 467
Theo. Joyner 595
Jno. Jordan 100
Henry Wiggs 506

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A LIST of the Names of those Worthy Persons whose Services and sufferings by the late Rebell Nathaniel Bacon Jr. and his Party have been reported to us most Signal and eminent during the late unhappy troubles in Virginia Etc.

The Right Hon'ble Sir Wm. Berkeley, then Governour of Virginia who suffered much in his person and estate.

Sir Henry Chicheley, imprisoned by Bacon. He was employed on the Indian Expedition and was on the point of subjecting them when his orders were countermanded by the Governor.

Col. Nathaniel Bacon, the elder, kinsman of the Rebell Bacon. Plundered by the Rebell Bacon of goods to the value of at least 1,000 pounds ster. He tried to stop the rebellion by offering Bacon the Rebell part of his estate.

Col. Philip Ludwell. Plundered in his owne estate and some orphans.

Col. Augustine Warner, Speaker of the House of Burgesses in late Assembly.

Mr. Thomas Ludwell, Secretary of Virginia

Col. Daniel Parkes. Plundered of at least 1,500 pounds sterling

Col. William Cole, who was one of the Council.

Col. Jos: Bridger, who helped to overcome the rebels in the South Part of James River

Col. Nicholas Spencer. Fought well against rebels

Mr. Ralph Wormely. Lost 500 pounds sterling

Col. Christopher Wormley. Lost 500 pounds sterling.

Capt. Walter Whitaker. Imprisoned after Bacon's death.

Major Richard Lee, was one of the Council and was imprisoned etc.

Col. Thomas Ballard and Lt. Col. Edward Hill. Lost considerable amounts.

Major Robert Beverly, Clerk of the Assembly. Suffered loss by rebellion but also plundered a great deal, on his own account.

Col. Mathew Kemp. Suffered much by the rebels.

Mr. Arthur Allen, lost at least 1,000 pounds sterling.

Col. Wm. Claiborne, the elder and his sonnes.

Capt. Otho Thorpe. Lost a lot and also had to make a composition of 200 pounds sterling for his Pardon for signing a Paper extorted by menaces by Giles Bland etc.

Mr. Philip Lightfoot, Col. John Smith, Major Lawrence Smith.

The King's Henchman

Who was Joseph Bridger? Time was in Virginia when so many knew that few would have had to ask.

SHREWD indeed is the servant who can serve two masters with divergent views and please the one without offending the other. Such a man, according to the inscription on his tombstone (and let us throughout this article modernize the archaic style of most quotations), was "the Honorable Joseph Bridger, Esquire, Councilor of State in Virginia to King Charles II." Yet this "great Minister of State," who "to Charles's councils did such honors bring," is today all but forgotten.

Born in 1628 at the manor of "Woodmancote" in the parish of Dursley, England, he was the son of Samuel Bridger, subdean and auditor of the College of Gloucester. Of his boyhood and youth nothing is definitely

known, but it is likely that he attended the College of Gloucester and attained a satisfactory education.

A pronounced Royalist, Joseph Bridger came to the colony of Virginia about 1655, at a time when those holding his views were fleeing the kingdom in order to escape Cromwellian persecution. Here he did well. Settling below Jamestown and south of the James River, he probably patented more acres of land than any other resident of Isle of Wight County during the seventeenth century.

Throughout the seven-year contest in England between King Charles I and Parliament, Virginia, under the leadership of the then-popular Governor Berkeley, remained loyal to the House of Stuart. She was sorely

grieved when Charles perished on the scaffold in 1649, and she promptly acclaimed his son of the same name as the rightful ruler. When the prince fled into exile, Virginia offered him refuge and so set in motion the process whereby she acquired her nickname, unique among the colonies, of his "Old Dominion."

Governor Berkeley refused to serve under Cromwell. He retired to his plantation, "Green Spring," to await better days. In 1659, on the eve of the restoration of the Stuart dynasty to power, Berkeley was again chosen Governor, this time by the House of Burgesses, and his selection was sustained by a commission from Charles II when the latter returned to England the next year and was crowned.

Meanwhile, Bridger had been chosen to represent Isle of Wight County in the House of Burgesses in the session of 1658. After 1661 he filled the position without interruption until about 1672. As a Burgess, he received 250 pounds of tobacco for each day the General Assembly was in session at Jamestown, this payment being made that he might keep himself, a servant, and a horse. Thus it was often more profitable for him to attend a long session than to attend diligently the planting of his own tobacco.

Lord Baltimore, the proprietor of Maryland, visited Jamestown in the spring of 1664 to protest Virginia's collection of quitrents on the Eastern Shore in territory that he contended belonged to himself. To settle the long-contested boundary dispute, Captain Joseph Bridger and two other commissioners were sent up the Chesapeake Bay to confer with their Maryland opposites. The region in dispute was retained by Maryland and in 1666 became Somerset County.

Joseph Bridger lived through some of the most exciting days known in seventeenth-century Virginia. Men raced hither and thither on missions of rebellion and counterattack.





Men gathered indoors and out to advocate opposite views of the monarch whom Bridger served.

Thereafter Bridger's career was one of unimpeded ascendancy in the politics of his adopted colony. More than once was he a commissioner to deal with intercolonial problems. In the House of Burgesses he sat on important committees that were appointed to consider economic matters. And he was influential in subjects pertaining to military defense.

Bridger attained the rank of colonel in 1672, and at forty-five (in 1673) he became a member of the Council of State and General Court of the aging Governor Sir William Berkeley. On November 10 he took the oath of a Councilor, swearing to be a true and faithful servant of the King, to assist the Governor, to declare himself on all questions according to his conscience, to keep secret the confidential business of the Council, and to defend Virginia against all "foreign princes, persons, prelates, and potentates whatsoever."

The Council of State usually was comprised of twelve members. They were the Governor's advisers in executive matters and had legislative functions as members of the upper house of the General Assembly; and, when acting in a judicial capacity, they constituted the General Court, the supreme judicial body of the colony. Although members of Council were also exempt from the poll tax and were allowed to employ ten servants

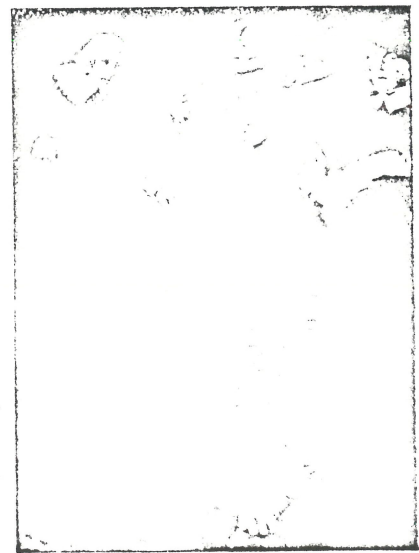
apiece at public expense, still they were paid salaries out of the taxes collected, so that to some it seemed that the government existed mainly for the support and benefit of the Governor and his friends.

Bridger was now to take an active part in a series of historic and exciting events. Prosperity had reigned for years while the Old Dominion had continental European markets for its single great crop, tobacco; but with the enactment of the English navigation laws after 1650, depression came to the colony. The farmers, who made up most of the population, grew desperate; and, as if to add to their misery, the Indians began to raid their

frontier settlements from the Potomac to the James. Berkeley's "Long Assembly," in power for fifteen years because the Governor had permitted no new general election, authorized the raising of 500 soldiers. Colonel Bridger was one of those appointed to draft men and horses into service. But Berkeley, not wishing to jeopardize a lucrative fur trade with the natives, failed to send an expedition against them.

The farmers became rebellious. Then they found a friend and leader in young Nathaniel Bacon, lately arrived in Virginia and himself a dissatisfied member of the Governor's Council. Before long Berkeley was

Bridger escaped the fate of Drummond, whom Berkeley, in an interview sketched by two artists, condemned to hang.



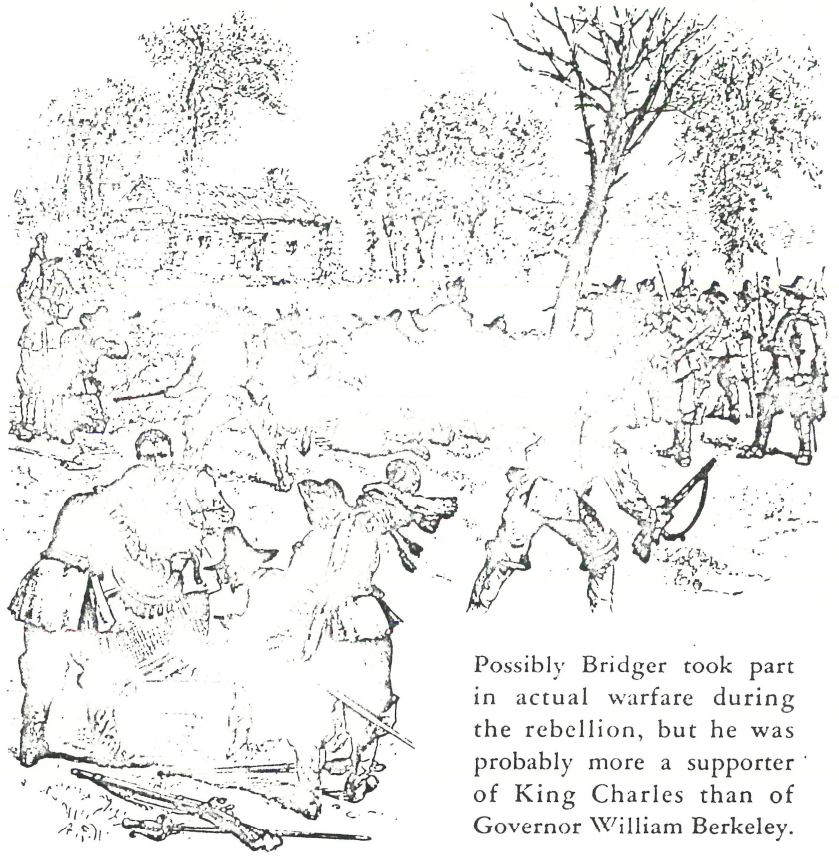
forced to flee from Jamestown; and Bacon, who styled himself "General by Consent of the People," issued a "Declaration of the People of Virginia." In that document he named Bridger, who in addition to his other offices was paymaster general of troops, as being one of those high-placed Virginians, who, like sponges, "have sucked up the publique treasure" and were "wicked and pernicious councillors, aiders, & assistants against our Commonalty in these our cruell Comotions."

Berkeley retaliated by proclaiming Bacon a traitor and, soon being himself forced to flee to the Eastern Shore, took with him five of the Council, including Bridger. Later, on September 7, 1676, the old Governor returned to Jamestown, and Bridger resumed command of loyal forces south of the James, where, even after the fiery Bacon's premature death and the collapse of the rebellion elsewhere, resistance to royal authority continued for some weeks.

Berkeley, indignant and embittered, tried before his General Court and hanged a number of Bacon's "rag-tag and bob-tail" followers. But Bridger, although he had been forced to flee with Berkeley and later helped to crush the rebels and to apprehend their leaders, is thought to have absented himself from the vengeful Governor's "bloody assize." If so, Bridger's detestation for such proceedings was echoed by his sovereign. Good-natured King Charles II was shocked and outraged at Berkeley's excesses, declaring, "That old fool has hanged more men in that naked country than I have for the death of my father" in populous England.

Nevertheless, Bridger retained Berkeley's favor. Summoned home at last, the old Governor in March, 1677, got out his will, reviewed it, and called upon Bridger and several other Councilors to witness it prior to his departure for London, where he hoped to vindicate himself.

When the King sent over commissioners to report on Berkeley's rule,



Possibly Bridger took part in actual warfare during the rebellion, but he was probably more a supporter of King Charles than of Governor William Berkeley.

it was Bridger who conveyed the respects of the Councilors and gave assurances of their willingness to cooperate. Sir John Berry, one of the commissioners, later recommended to His Majesty that Colonel Bridger be continued in the Council, remarking that he was "a very Resolute gentleman, who though forced to fly in the heat of war from his own country yet on his return was very active and instrumental in reducing to their obedience the South parte of the James River." The King, reassured of Bridger's fidelity, ordered that he be continued in the Council although several others, for their "unworthy behaviour and demerits," were deprived of that honor.

The Privy Council in England, in 1679, instructed the new Governor, Lord Culpeper, to rebuild Jamestown (burned during the rebellion) as the "metropolis" of Virginia, and it indicated that the King would be given much satisfaction if the members of

the Council themselves would build houses there in which to reside. Colonel Bridger commenced the building of a town house immediately. It appears to have been completed by 1682, for a conference of Councilors and Burgesses was called on November 25 of that year to meet that afternoon in "Joseph Bridger's Chamber."

Lord Culpeper commissioned Bridger sole commander against the Indians in 1681—a clear tribute to his past military successes. And, in writing to the Lords of Trade and Plantations in 1683, His Lordship explained that he had appointed the Colonel to yet another command because "the service is so difficult and dangerous that I could appoint no other."

On May 29, 1683, Culpeper appointed Bridger deputy vice-admiral, with jurisdiction over all Virginia maritime matters, and departed for London. He never returned. By 1684, at the instance of Bridger and others

of the Council, his commission as Governor was withdrawn, and his rights to "all the dominion of land and water called Virginia" were purchased, except that he retained a proprietary title to the Northern Neck. Virginia was again directly subject to the crown, and the Baron of Effingham was chosen Governor.

After the death of Charles II, in 1685, Bridger remained faithful to the reigning Stuarts, even though in respect to religion James II was at odds with the great majority of his subjects. Bridger, Richard Lee, William Byrd, and others of the Council, together with Governor Effingham, sent the new king an address of loyalty and congratulation for his "peaceable and safe enthronement in your rightful and lawful imperial seat." In June, 1685, Effingham turned over administration of the government to Bridger and his eleven fellow Councilors when circumstances required His Lordship to pass some time in New York.

Colonel Joseph Bridger was a man of strong emotions, given at times to

angry outbursts. He did not hesitate to engage in a lengthy litigation over land titles with his own father-in-law—and won. Nor, when torn between devotion to his duty as he saw it and loyalty to family, did he shrink from disinheriting his oldest son, Joseph, because that son had married the widow of a Baconian rebel who had swung from the gibbet.

A great land baron with extensive holdings in Virginia and Maryland, Bridger lived in manorial splendor in a seventeen-room, brick mansion which must have been one of the largest of its day in this colony. That was the plantation called "Whitemarsh," which was not far from the James. There "Otta, an ould negroe man," and "Isee, an ould negra woman," might be found performing their appointed tasks in the handsomely-furnished house, while nine other slaves and four indentured servants farmed the soil or otherwise helped to maintain the estate.

Colonel Bridger is best remembered in Isle of Wight County today as having superintended, according to a

persistent tradition, the erection of the Old Brick Church near Smithfield. It is evident that the present structure was not built in 1632—at least not by Bridger, who was only four years of age at that time. If the date is right, that church or a predecessor was constructed by another. If, however, Bridger was the builder, the date of the present structure must be moved to the 1650's or later.

It was Thursday, the fifteenth of April, 1686, when death came suddenly to the old Cavalier, the honored and trusted servant of the King. He was buried at "Whitemarsh," and to mark his grave a huge, granite slab was inscribed and brought from England.

In 1894, after much persuasion, the then owner of "Whitemarsh" (from the site of which the original mansion had long since disappeared) consented to the removal of Bridger's tomb to the Old Brick Church, and on October 11 his remains were placed there in the chancel. An eyewitness to the exhumation and reinterment recalls the remarkable state of preservation of the bones, and particularly the exceptional length of the leg structure, which would indicate that the Colonel was a man of imposing stature.

Joseph Bridger was a staunch believer in the divine right of kings, sometimes with his views at variance from those of the royal Governors, but always the king's henchman and devoted to the royal tenets. And he seems to have imparted to his descendants something of the same feeling, for if any Bridger of his descent aligned himself against Great Britain in the cause of independence a century later, none has been found.

Perhaps the journey of Joseph Bridger, Colonel and Councilor, into oblivion may be attributed to his aversion to the one thing that Americans have always cherished most—individual liberty. And thus he "that royal virtues had" likewise suffered in the memory of Virginia republicans the "royal fate." * * *

Certainly Bridger attended meetings of the General Assembly addressed, according to an artist's conception, by Berkeley.



at Co. estate of John
shall, Robert Driver,
seph Jordan & Bull-
p. 473.

table of this County
by Act of Assembly
co. Feby. 4, 1761.

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as the Law directs.

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ects. Nov. 4, 1762.

July 1759. To wife
of my estate, after
daughters, viz; Mar-
gher Ann Edwards,
James Edwards one
five shillings. Wit.
arshall Bk. 7, p. 65.

Will of John—(X)—Batten, 13 Feby. 1762. To wife
Martha, my plantation then to my son John Batten then
to my son Joshua. To Frances Jordan one spinning wheel
& cards, and all the cotton she made. to wife one third of
my estate. Money to be divided between son Joshua &
daughters Sarah & Frances Jordan and her daughter
Mary. Witnesses—Daniel—(X)—Batten John Strond?
William Batten. Ibid. p. 80.

Mary Jordan natural child of Francis Jordan bound out
by Church Wardens of Newport Parish as the Law di-
rects. June 7, 1765. O. B. 1764-68, p. 185.

John Jordan's petition setting forth that he wants to
erect a water grist mill across the head Chuckatuck Creek
and that he hath land only on the one side of the said
creek, Your petitioner praying that an acres of Land to
be laid off for that Purpose belonging to Robert Driver.

Ann Jordan of the Province of North Carolina, Co. of
Perquimans to James Pitmon of Parish of Newport, Isle
of Wight Co. Va. £21: curr. 50 acres in Isle of Wight Co.
Jany. 18, 1764. (Signed) Nancy Jordan. Bk. 11, p. 262.

William Jordan Of Parish of Newport in Isle of Wight
Co. to Daniel Herring of same Parish & Co. £250: Curr.
635 acres in Isle of Wight Co. April 6, 1768. Bk. 12,
p. 215.

Billingsley Jordan of Isle of Wight Co, Va. from Rob-
ert Bridges [or Bridger?] of Hartford [Hertford] Co. &
Province of North Carolina, & Patience—(X)—his wife.
£76: curr. 75 acres that fell to him by the death of his
father Robert Bridger [or Bridges?] lying in Isle of
Wight Co. Parish of New-Port. Jany. 8, 1768. Bk. 12,
p. 231.

Josiah Jordan of Isle of Wight Co. Va. from John Pin-
ner of Isle of Wight Co., Va. and John Pinner Jr. of Per-
quimans Co. in North Carolina. £60: curr. 100 acres in
sd. Co. part of a patent of land granted to Wm. Denson.
Oct. 24, 1768. Ibid. p. 273.

Newport & Isle of Wight
Sweeting—(X)—his wife
r. Tract of land in Parish
Co. Oct. 4, 1769. Ibid.

lingsley Jordan from her
of Isle of Wight Co. &
girl called Vice to her and
to my own right heirs."

Wight to John Scott Wills
ng negro woman named
ath of my sister Margaret
p. 447.

Newport & Isle of Wight
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ck Water. May 7, 1772.

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68-69, p. 66.

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ving mother. My brother
n Jordan and my sister
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Mathew—(X)—Jordan, Will of; March 23, 1770. My
land to my wife. The use of one negro Girl Patt to my
mother during her life. I constitute my wife my execu-
trix. Wit. Brewer Godwin, Mary—(X)—Sikes, Thos.
Parker. Bk. 8, p. 27.

Sarah Jordan, decd. An appraisement of her estate by
Robert Driver & John Jordan as presented to them by
Patience Jordan. Aug. 1, 1770. Ibid. p. 46.

Will of Giles West, decd. 12 May 1766. To Giles Dan-
iel alias West—wife Sarah West—Richard West—Ralph
West—Sarah Gibbs—friend Richard Jordan—My trusty
friend Richard Jordan, Executor. Wit.—Elizabeth Jor-
dan, Patience—(X)—Jordan, John Jordan. Will proved
Oct. 4, 1770. Ibid. —

Mathew Jordan, decd. appraisement of his estate by
George Norsworthy, John Williams, Henry Pitt. May
22, 1770. Ibid. p. 58.

Will of Elizabeth—(X)—Campbell of Isle of Wight
Co. Nov. 25, 1769. To son William,—one new bed, etc.
All the rest of my estate to sold & divided between my
son William and my grandchildren, John Bridgers two
children, John William's two children and John Jordans
child. Son William executor. Wit. Nick (Rich.?) Park-
er John Gray. Ibid. p. 205.

Will of Nicholas Wail, 21 Sept. 1776, of Isle of Wight
Co. To wife Ann Wail, three negroes &c. Negro man
Will to be hired out by my executors to the highest bidder
till his wages come to £40: and for the money to be in
my executors hands till my Daughter Mary Jordan's
three children named Anne Jordan, Nicholas Jordan,
Rachel Jordan and as they come of age for my executors
to pay them. To daughter Mary Jordan 1 shilling, grand-
son James Medesl (?) Wail the plantation I bought of
Coll. Anthony Holleday, son Josiah Wail plantation, son
John Wail one negro man, son Josiah Wail 2 negro men,
daughter Rachel Green. The negroes I bought of my son
one yoke steers, daughter Ann Green I negro boy. gd.
daughter Rachel Green. The negroes I bought of my son

Co. on both sides Meherrin River. March 24, 1768. D. B. 11, p. 129.

→ John—(X)—Mann of Lunenburg Co. to David Worsham of Powhatan Co. £70: curr. 111½ acres upon Ledbetter Creek adjoining Wm. Branches ? line Obed Clay, William Cowood [?] and William Walker &c. &c. Nov. 8, 1792. D. B. 16, p. 293.

Francis Mann, Pltf. vs Lyddal Bacon Gent. late Sheriff of this Co. Deft. In case. Verdict For £5: 16: 3¾ for Pltf. Sept. 1760. O. B. 1759-61, p. 177.

Page Mann a witness for Francis Mann vs Lyddal Bacon, Gent. To be paid for 2 days attendance &c. Sept. 1760. O. B. 1759-61, p. 178.

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John Man, of Middlesex Co. for 2 English servants & two negro slaves receives from Mathew Kemp of sd. Co. 450 acres sold to sd. Mathew Kemp by Mathew Kemp Esqr. late of Kingston Parish, Gloucester Co., decd. and is part of 650 acres granted unto Mr. James Bonner decd. by patent dated Oct. 1, 1653, and by decease of Elizabeth Bonner, daughter of sd. James Bonner sd. 450 acres part of sd. 650 acres escheated to the crown. Granted to sd. Mathew Kemp Esqr. April 20, 1682, sd. land lying on South side of Rappahannock River formerly part of Lancaster Co. but now Middlesex Co. adjoining Thomas Dale & George Wadding, decd. Said John Mann deceasing before he received any confirmation of sale of sd. land, in his will dated April 15, last bequeathed unto his sonn John Mann 300 acres of sd. land on East side of Bonner's creek, therefore I the sd. Mathew Kemp of Middlesex Co. acknowledge the receipt of sd. servants & slaves. Recorded—Sept. 5, 1687. D. B. 1679-94, p. 304.

John Man witness to Bond between Thos. Jones & John Burwell &c. Recorded—Mch. 3, 1700. D. B. 1694-1703, p. 389.

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John—(X)—Man of Midd
John Man Gent. late of sd
Gloucester Co. Planter. £19
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sex Co. adjoining lands of
borough. Feb. 7, 1703. Re
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John Mann of *Gloster* Co
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Co. of *Middy*, [Middlesex]
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Wm. Elliott, Wm. Aylesbury.
B. 1673-80, p. 24.

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John Mann an appraiser of
Mch. 1677. Ibid, p. 94.

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John—(X)—Man of Middlesex Co. planter, son & heir of John Man Gent. late of sd. Co. decd. to Thos. Bayne of Gloucester Co. Planter. £190: sterling money of England & 2500 of good sweet tobacco, 420 acres of land in Middlesex Co. adjoining lands of Theophilus Man, Wm. Scarborough. Feb. 7, 1703. Recorded—1703, Feby. 7. D. B. 1703-1720, p.

John Mann of *Gloster* Co. & Mary his wife relict of & admr. of Edmund Berkeley, decd. to Thomas Todd planter & Wm. Westermont, Mill wright both of Gloster Co. £30: one water mill being part of dividend of land belonging to the heir of Mr. Edmund Kemp, decd. at a place called Beaver Damme on ye Peancatouk [Piankitank] River in Co. of *Middy*, [Middlesex] now in the possession of the sd. John Mann & Mary his wife. May 1, 1674. Witnesses—Wm. Elliott, Wm. Aylesbury. Recorded—Dec. 7, 1674. D. B. 1673-80, p. 24.

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John Mann's servant William Wise was adjudged 13 years of age. Sept. 1675. O. B. 1672-80, p. 36.

John Mann an appraiser of estate of Mr. Francis Bridges. Mch. 1677. Ibid, p. 94. ←

John Mann member of Middlesex Court, July 1678. Ibid, p. 133.

John Mann Deft. vs. Thomas Croyk Pltf. Judgmt. for Deft. Feb. 1678. Ibid, p. 168.

John Mann's servant William Newton coming to this country in ye ship Leonard & James is adjudged 15 years of age. April 7, 1679. Ibid, p. 172.

Memorandum that Richard Harkers patent for land & his assignment of ye same to Mr. John Mann was acknowledged & recorded, Feby. 1671. John Man of ye Co. of Middlesex and Dorothy his wife doe assigne & sett over all right, title & interest in within mentioned patent unto Mr. Thos. Roby &c. O. Bk. 1672-80, p. 182.

Mr. Thomas Mann petitioned the Court that Mr. James Clarke be made to save the Parish from a Bastard child laid to him by Phoeby Hardy. Jan. 24, 1667. Ibid, p. 164.

Thomas Mann, Captain of the ship Edward & Francis. Feb. 25, 163. D. O. W. &c. 9, p. 215.

Arnold Mann, Headright of Tiler, along with Wm. Winston & others. Aug. 24, 1666. D. O. W. &c. Aug. 24, D. O. W. &c. 6, p. 97.

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Joseph Mann, confessed Judgment to Mr. Henry Tyler, Trustee of the estate of Cope Dogley, decd. Jn. 10, 1703. D. O. W. &c. p. —.

Joseph Man, decd. Isabella his widow appointed admr. of his estate. Dec. 24, 1703. D. O. W. &c. 12, p. 173.

Mary Mann, widow, of Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co. Executrix of Eliza Petters, daughter of Thomas Petters [Pettus?] as by will of said Eliza Petters dated May 2, 1700, gives power of attorney to James Bray. May 2, 1701. D. O. W. &c. 11, p. 468.

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Patents

Samuel Mann, Richard White, Cooper & Evan Davis of Rappahannock Co. 1000 acres on the freshes of Rappahannock River, adjoining Abraham Moone, John Gillett & Richard White. For transportation of 20 persons. Oct. 6, 1658. (4, p. 332.)

John Mann, Patent, 600 acres on the Eastside of the Easternmost River of Mock-Jack Bay, adjoining Chestnut Creek and William Holden, formerly granted to Thomas Todd, Oct. 5, 1653 and by him assigned to said John Mann. Nov. 20, 1661. (4, p. 531.)

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Charles Mann, Patent, 22 a side of Currawaugh Swamp father of said Charles Mann, portation of one person, An p. 156.)

Thomas Mann, Patent, 300 Chowan River, For transport Thornberry, Ann Downds [? tleton & Thomas Lacy. Sep

Robert Mann, Evan Baker Henrico Co. Bristol Parish, side of Swift Creek, adjoining transportation of two persons Ward. April 16, 1683. (7, p

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Charles Mann, Patent, 22 acres in Isle of Wight Co. north side of Currawaugh Swamp, adjoining Thomas Mann the father of said Charles Mann, and Coll. Bridges. For transportation of one person, Ann Wood. April 20, 1682. (4, p. 156.)

Thomas Mann, Patent, 300 acres, in Isle of Wight Co. on Chowan River, For transportation of Richard Carter, Giles Thornberry, Ann Downds [?] Elizabeth Croomer, Joan Littleton & Thomas Lacy. Sept. 22, 1682. (7, 180.)

Robert Mann, Evan Baker, Belange, Patent, 89 acres in Henrico Co. Bristol Parish, south side of James River, north side of Swift Creek, adjoining Mr. Henry Randolph. For transportation of two persons, viz: Nicho. Phillips, and Thos. Ward. April 16, 1683. (7, p. 278.)

Thomas Mann, or Man. Patent, 200 acres, in Isle of Wight Co. adjoining Kingsdale Swamp & John Brown. For the transportation of 4 persons, viz: Thomas White, Robert Brian, John Waterhouse, John Barnard. Oct. 20, 1690. (8, p. 92.)

John Mann, Orphan. Patent 770 acres in Middlesex Co. at the mouth of Small Creek, called Dales Creek, adjoining Rappahannock River, Mr. Wm. Churchill & Coll. John Armistead. 650 acres part thereof formerly granted Oct. 19, 1653 to Jas. Bonner, and the over plus of 120 acres being to sd. John Mann for the transportation of 3 persons. Nov. 2, 1705. (9, p. 703.)

Robert Mann or Man, Patent, 443 acres, In Henrico Co. on the south side of the second branch of Swift Creek, adjoining Henry Vadin. For the transportation of 9 persons, viz: Martin Bark, Thomas Rack, Michael Nash, Michael White, Mary Ranrke, Ellin Gibbins, John Muggeden, James Scuders, and Elizabeth Fitzgarrell. Mch. 24, 1725. (12, p. 371.)

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h, Isle of Wight Co. Will the use of three negroes. his brother James Tooke o brother James Tooke . To George Norsworthy ods &c. Exetrx. Mother Tooke Scott. Witnesses— l. 5, p. 195.

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Wight Co. Will of: July nn Scott, a bed and furni- a spinning wheel &c. To . To Christian Scott, a ld, two dishes, two plates. z four plates. To George ng &c. To Ann Scott a field a looking glass. To e remainder of her estate. . Witnesses—Edward— ris. Proved Sept. 2, 1756.

ppraisement of her estate hn Gibbs, John Marony. bid. p. 256.

Co., will of. 10 day 11 son William Scott. To abeth Scott, To daughter or. Thomas Pretlow & Pretlow, Wm. Maycock. . Ibid. p. 264.

and appraisement. Value Hughes, Michael Eley. id. p. 326.

William Scott, Decd. The acct. of the estate of audited and settled to June 1, 1763. Total Inventory £4420: 9: 7³/₄/. Returned by James Bridger, Michael Eley, John Woodrop, July 7, 1763. May 6, 1763. Vol. 7, p. 297.

James Tooke Scott, decd. Inventory & appraisement of his estate. Appraisers—Benja. Harrison, Thos. Whitfield, John Barland. Nov. 3, 1763. Ibid. 365.

Thomas Scott, Chooses William Hallowell his guardian, who qualifies as such. Mch. 4, 1762. Ibid. p. 279.

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James Tooke Scott, decd. Estate of audited by John Mal- lory & Wm. Davis. July 2, 1767. Vol. p. 477.

Elizabeth Scott, decd. Inventory and appraisement of her estate. Administration by Wm. Scott & Benja. Bailey. Ap- praisers—Andrew Sikes, Robert Babb and Thomas Smelley. Feb. 2, 1770. Vol. 8, p. 39.

William Scott, decd. Estate of in acct. with the executors. Auditor by order of Court dated May 6, 1763, by a com- mittee composed of James Bridger, Michael Eley, John Woodrop. Among the creditors of the estate were Joseph Gray, Joseph Scott, Wm. Ponsonby, Miles Cary, James Cary, William Womack, Wm. Wommark Jr., Thomas Woomack, James Scott, John Outland, Edward Jordan. Among the debtors to the estate were, John Pleasants & Son, for Tar £118:3:3.; Exum Outland, Eliza Exum, John Maw, Joseph Gray, B. Tucker, T. Gray, E. Jordan, G. Washington, B. Exum, J. Gray, John Scott, W. Exum, E. Harris, Ma Jordan, T. Pleasants, J. J. Scott, A. Washington, J. Cary, senior, W. Wommock, Samuel Jordon, Joseph Jordan. June 1, 1763. Vol. p. 261-297.

George Norsworthy Scott, an Infant, Pltf. vs. Ann Murry. May 4, 1764. Ibid. p. 54.

Ann Murry Extrx. of John Murry, decd. Pltf. vs. William Hallowell, administrator of James Tooke Scott, decd. Deft. May 11, 1764. Ibid. p. 61.

Thomas Scott acknowledges his deed to John Pinkhorn. July 4, 1765. Ibid. p. 194.

Elizabeth Scott, Benjamin Bailey and Elizabeth his wife. Pltf. vs Joseph Scott & Thos. Pritlow, Exors. of Wm. Scott, decd. Wm. Scott, Robert Scott, Mary Scott and Sarah Scott. Aug. 2, 1765. Ibid. p. 224.

→ James Jordan Scott, and Thomas Fisher to Wm. Barrett proved by the oaths of James Bridger and James Hamilton and by the solemn affirmation of Joseph Scott, a Quaker. June 6, 1765. Ibid.

James Scott's orphan's account returned to Court by Wm. Hallowell her guardian. Aug. 1, 1765. Ibid. p. 216.

William Scott's acct. current returned to Court having been audited. Aug. 1, 1765. Ibid. p. 220.

Thomas Scott appointed Guardian of John Scott orphan of James Tooke Scott, decd. Oct. 3, 1765. Ibid. p. 246.

George Scott, estate of returned to Court by the Guardian. Aug. 7, 1768. Ibid. p. 268.

Mary Scott, orphan of William Scott, decd. chose Elizabeth Scott her guardian Dec. 4, 1766. Elizabeth Scott is also appointed guardian to Robert Scott and Sarah Scott orphans of Wm. Scott, decd. Ibid. p. 327.

James Tooke Scott, decd. estate of appraised, by order of Court. Sept. 5, 1776. Returned May 1, 1777. O. B. 8. p. 466.

Thomas Scott, decd. Estate of appraised. May 2, 1783. O. B. 9, p. 161.

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William Scott, decd. Estate of Thos. Jordon p. 338.

Peggy & Exum Scott debtor of Wm. Scott. July 1

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Josiah Scott, decd. Inventor of John Bressie, John Jones, Geo. Jones. 2. 1762. W. B. 1761-1778, p. 9

Robert Scott, decd. Inventor of George Clarke, Richard Jones. Sept. 9, 1790. W. B. 1778-91,

Robert—(X)—Scott, decd. Lend to daughter Mary Carter Wench Amey which is now in Ham Carter. To grandson B Carter, my daughter, five negro James, Patience, and Alse also Carter's decease also the hire to my son-in-law William Carter account against William Carter five shillings. To son which he has now in possession and Peter. To grandson Robert the negro girl of the name of possession of Thomas Scott. To son of Thomas Scott £10: also Thomas Scott should be equal Scott's children. To son William and that lies on the West side wagon ford down to de Graff vizt: Doctor Sam, Billy, Han

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ABSTRACTS OF RECORDS
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THE FAMILIES OF

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sieur (Brashear), Cary, Crenshaw, Dabney,
Exum, Ferris, Fontaine, Gray, Hardy, Isham
(Henrico County), Jordan, Langston, Lyddall,
Mann, Mosby, Palmer, Pasteur, Pleasants,
Povall, Randolph, Satterwhite, Scott, Smith (the
family of Francis Smith of Hanover County),
Valentine, Waddy, Watts, Winston,
Womack, Woodson.

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Edmund P. Bacon qualified as Sheriff. Ibid. p. 382.

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Edmund P. Bacon, Jr. qualified as Deputy Sheriff. Ibid. p. 427.

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Richard Bacon, Sr. Will of. Apprs. 1710-1723.

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Richard Bacon, The last will of. Bacon Senr. Orders, Apprs. &c.

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Jno. Bacon, Will of, (16 day of papers, the leaves of an old book)

Elizabeth Bacon, In a book of "pages," the following: In a list by Edward Mintz, 1784 March 7, both Bacon.

POWHATAN COUNTY

John Barnes of the Co., of Powhatan, mentions his children as follows: George Barnes. Daughter Terri. Daughter Wooldridge. Daughter Nancy Brizendine. Daughter Patsey H. Marr. Grandchildren, Patsey H. Executors—his sons-in-law, Richard and Woodson Knight and John Toney. Witnesses—John Toney Allen, William A. Toney. Prov. Edmund Toney & Richard Bacon qu. 17, of same year Leroy Brizen also.

EXUM: BR

Exum Family

BRUNSWICK COUNTY RECORDS

Francis Exum of Isle of Wight Co. Va. from James Parham of North Carolina, 5 shillings. 250 acres on S. side Meherrin River, Brunswick Co. May 1, 1736. D. B. 1, p. 271.

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William Exum, witness to a power of attorney from Wm. Brisse, of Isle of Wight Co. Planter, to Mr. Robert flake, Mr. Arthur Smythe & Mr. John Carrol. Mch. 27, 1671. Bk. 1, p. 232.

Jeremiah Exum and Col. Thos. Godwin, securities for Elizabeth Webb, executrix of James Webb, decd. Bond 40000 lbs. Tobacco. Recorded—Feb. 17, 1675. Bk. 2, p. 39.

William Exum and Robert Harris, witnesses to a deed from Anthony Mathews & Ann his wife of Isle of Wight Co. to John More, son of sd. Ann. Natural love. 300 acres in said Co. on Swards Swamp, being part of 1300 acres patented by sd. Mathews July 30, 1660. June 9, 1675. Bk. 1, p. 336.

William Exum of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight Co. deed from John Davis & Mary his wife of same Co., planter. For a valuable consideration already received. —acres on the Main Swamp in Isle of Wight Co. Wit—Thos. More, Jno. Burwell. April 29, 1679. Bk. 1, p. 399.

Jeremiah Exum, a witness to a deed of exchange from Joseph Bridger Esqr. to Lt. Col. John Pitt. Dec. 9, 1680. Bk. 1, p. 453.

Mr. Jeremiah Exum, member, present at a Court held Jan. 9, 1681/2. O. B. 1670-90, p. 364.

Mr. William Exum, of John Giles, of same Co. Tobacco & cask. 400 acres on the upper branch of Black Water. Edward Hickson. Nov. 9.

William Exum, a witness to a deed from Philoretis, his wife, of the same Co. to Alex. Webster, Richd. upper Parish of Isle of Wight Co. in the upper Parish of St. Thos. Blake & Thomas V. p. 492.

Jeremiah Exum, Jno.—will of Michael Mackquinn

John Williams in his will maintained out of his estate of the time Wm. Exum kept him. Mch. 1, 1689.

These may certify that four hundred and fifty acres of these persons subscribed viz; Wm. Exum, Jane his wife, Bullivant, Abraham Brahe, John Allison, Samuel Arthur Smith. Oct. 9, 16

Mr. Jer. (Jeremiah) Exum Holden for laying the Lev. 1693. Bk. 1, p. 9.

Mr. Jer. Exum a member 1694. Bk. 1, p. 62.

Mr. Jeremiah Exum is a witness of James Denson on the g. decd. Hugh Davis who had

and Capt. Edmund God-
administration. Dec. 10.

take into his possession
make inspection into the
d. and return an account
1694. Bk. 1, p. 62.

ate of Mr. Wm. Denson.

Alex Seven, witnesses to
of Isle of Wight Co. and
s. tobacco. 350 acres in
Bk. 1, p. 199.

attorney from Frances
Denson in a suit depend-
Frances Denson. April

ed from William Brown
o. to Thomas Brown of
in Isle Of Wight. Oct.

deed from John—(X)—
Isle of Wight Co. John
n Isle of Wight Co., on
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fe of Isle of Wight Co.
For valuable considera-
, bounded according to
Joseph Moon, Thos. God-
y 29, 1678. Bk. 1, p. —

sh of Isle of Wight Co.
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during her natural life. to his son William Exum the said
plantation on which testator lives at the death of sd. Jane,
also 200 acres part of testators land at Black Water. to his
daughter Deborah Jones a mare (fole) filly & a gold ring
which was formerly her grandmothers. to his son Fra.
Exum, testators plantation at Black Water whereon sd. Fra.
now lives. to sd. wife Jane all of his personal estate, goods
chattles, money, Plate, debts and household stuff. Executrix,
wife Jane Exum. Wit. Nathaniel Whitby, Geo. Gemny.
Probated Feb. 10, 1700. Bk. 2, p. 436.

William Exum, Jno. Williams & ffran. Exum appraise the
estate of Col. John Pitts. April 1, 1703. Bk. 2, p. 458.

Richard Exum, deed from Thomas—(X)—Reaves and
Elizabeth—(X)—his wife. 200 acres in Isle of Wight Co.
on the south side of the Main Black Water Swamp. Wit.
Philip Rayford, Barnabe McKinne. 1704. Bk. 2, p. 19.

Richard Exum a witness to a deed from John Browne Sr.,
and Bridgett, his wife, of Isle of Wight Co. to Samuel
Caisidy, of same Co. 220 acres on which sd. Brown lately
lived. 1705. Bk. 2, p. 41.

Richard Exum, of Isle of Wight Co. deed to William Louis
of same Co. For a certain amount of money or the value
thereof. 200 acres in Isle of Wight Co. Wit. Joseph
Bridger, Jr. Wm. Spier. Feb. 9, 1707/8. Bk. 2, p. 81.

Richard Exum, a witness to a deed from Mathew Whit-
field and Priscilla—(X)—his wife, of Nansemond Co. to
John Lawrence, of Newport Parish, Isle of Wight Co. 5000
lbs. Tobacco. Part of a Patent in Isle of Wight Co. Newport
Parish, on the main Black Water side for 520 acres which
was granted to Mr. John Lawrence, now decd. (father of
aforesd. Priscilla) June 5, 1678, and by will of sd. Mr. John
Lawrence was devised to his daughter Elizabeth, decd. who
devised it to her sister the sd. Priscilla by will. Feb. 9,
1708. Bk. 2, p. 116.

Richard Exum, Robert Lawrence & Robert Cooper wit-
nesses to the will of Thomas Sikes. 1708. Bk. 2, p. 492.

of Brunswick Co. to William Smith
50 acres in Brunswick Co. on East
, adjoining Hugh Lamberts, John
c. Oct. 11, 1760. D. B. 6, p. 612.

Edward Crews of Brunswick Co.
s in Brunswick Co. adjoining the
Lemores John Moseley, John John-
B. 6, p. 463.

ert Wall. Debt. abates. Feb. 1755.

s Denmon. Petition. July 1753.

liam Boswell. In case. abates by
O. B. 8, p. 27.

phan of Abraham Harding, decd.
ugh for his guardian. Benjamin
Bronscumb securities. £200: 28,
69.

WEDDING BONDS

via Price; witness by C. B. Jones,
ce. Nov. 26, 1793.

Mathews. Surety Abraham Cook.
lie. Dec. 1788.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY RECORDS

William Harding vs James Brewer. In debt. June Court
1756. O. B. 1751-57, p. 418.

Robert Hardin. Inventory of the estate of ; Oct. 8, 1770.
Total—£30: 0: 2: Appraisers—Henry Young, Martin Wil-
liams, Paul Jones. W. B. 1767-73, p. 257.

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George Hardy, will of ; dated Mch. 16, 1654. Gives to his
kinsman George Hardy Jr. and Christian Willson to be
equally divided after the death of the testators wife, all of
the testator's lands, housing and mill, with all his moveable
estate, viz; horses, mares, cattle, Hoggs, Plate and house-
hold stuff, his wife however to enjoy it during her lifetime.
After the death of testator's wife, George Hardy, the kins-
man of the testator is to have all of testator's lands, housing
and mill, but should he die without issue then to be divided
equally between Thomas Hardy and Christian Willson.
Directs his wife to pay unto his kinsman George Hardy
3000 lbs. Tobacco & cask out of the next ensuing crop to
buy him two servants. Gives his seal ring to his sd. kins-
man George Hardy. Gives his other ring to his wife. Gives
his land bought of Mr. John Steevens to Christian Willson
and 35 acres of land bought of Mr. Stamp with the mill.
Desires his wife to look upon Thomas Hardy as his next
kinsman and that the said Hardy shall *realize* 10 bbls. of
corn out of the mill. Charges the sd. George Hardy and
Christopher [Christian ?] Willson as they expect the benefit
of his blessing to live in unity and brotherly love and to see
that Thomas Hardy want not for a competency. Gives 1000

recover and receive all goods, merchandize, Tobacco and Money lately due belonging or appertaining unto his late beloved brother Saml. Hassell, decd. late planter in Virginia. Aug. 25, 1669. Bk. 1, p. 208.

John Hardy, and Wm. Sherwood, Gents. witnesses to the will of Dr. Robert Williamson from said will. May 2, 1670. Bk. 2, p. 86.

Mr. John Hardy, Mr. Ja. Powell, Mr. Thos. Taberer, Coll. Robt. Pitt, Major Nicholas Hill, Mr. Nicholas Smith, Capt. Joseph Bridger, and Lt. Col. Jno. George Justices present at this Court. 7 br 7th 1671. Bk. 1, p. 244.

John Hardy and Thos. Taberer witness a power of attorney from Thos.—(X)—Tooke to his loving brother John Davis. 11th 10br, 1671. Bk. 1, p. 251.

John Hardy and Edmund Palmer witness to a deed of release from Robert Edwards of Isle of Wight Co. to Parker of same Co. administrator of the estate of sd. Robert Edwards father in law William Hunt, decd. May 9, 1672. Bk. 2, p. 110.

George Hardy and Thos. Baker witnesses prove the will of John Clay. Feb. 17, 1675. Bk. 2, p. 138.

George Hardy and John Clay qualify as securities for Judith Clay, the relict of John Clay, decd. as executrix of his estate. Bond 50,000 pounds tobacco & cask. Mch. 15, 1675/6. Bk. 2, p. 38.

John Hardy, of the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight Co. Will of: dated 1676 Gives to his wife Alice Hardy. to Olivia Driver wife of Giles Bristo. to daughter Lucy Council wife of Hodges Council. to daughter Deborah Hardy. to grandchild . . . Driver daughter of Giles Driver. to son-in-law

Giles Driver to son-in-law Hodge Robert Burnett. to Wm. Mayo Ex Richard Reynolds, Will Jenkins. Bk. 2, p. 146.

George Hardy Senr. & Philip P. for Sarah Lewis the relict of Mor Bk. 2, p. 43.

Alice Hardy, relict of Mr. Har executrix with Mr. Robert Burnett a ties. Aug. 11, 1677. Bk. 2, p. 43

George Hardy, Elizabeth—(X)—Hill, Witnesses to the noncupative lor. of London, Merchant. Oct. 2

George Hardy, John Coker & will of Henry Combes. Oct. 17, 16

George Hardy Sr. & Martha—the will of Danl. Walker. Jan. 21

Mr. George Hardy, Mr. Roger appraise the estate of Henry R Oct. 20, 1681. June 12, 1681. Bk

George Hardy, Will of; dated 1 son Richard Hardy 700 acres in 1 est son Thomas Hardy 750 acres Richard Jarett and George Jarett a hogshead of Tobacco. to daugh head of Tobacco. Wit. Richrd. S p. 374.

her mistress." Executors,
 jamin Jordone. Witnesses—
 ford, Frances Binford. Ibid.

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Richard Jordan from George Tabb 1300 lbs. of Tobacco & cask. 50 acres lying upon the Long Pond Creek once in the possession of Hugh Lee purchased by Wm. Cronidge, decd.. 1653.

Commissioners to restore the Hen-
 enemy—Held Aug. 5, 1784.
 fore the commissioners and
 t his brother Benjamin Jor-
 en him two negroes, namely
 Jordone affirmed (being a
 nd the deed was certified.

E BONDS

to Miss Martha Warn:
 Royster, surety.

to Benjamin Allen Sr.
 el Burton, surety. Nathl.
 l inform all those persons
 freely & voluntarily agree
 en Sr. of Cumberland Co.
 urt. Martha Jordan. 2nd

ico Co. marriage to Row-
 July 14, 1797. Pearin Red-
 witness.

Jordan is above the age of
 t of Henrico Co. Given un-
 h day of July 1797. Teste.

ampton is above the age of
 : my hand this 14th day of
 Pearin Redford, Rey Chap-

of Noble Jordan) of Hen-
 xander Simms (or Sims)
 Jordan (her father) sure-
 ss.

Will of Christopher Reynolds of Isle of Wight Co., Va.
 Planter. May 1, 1654. Give to son Christopher Rey-
 nolds all land on southernly side of the freshest Swamp
 that *Richard Jordan* now liveth upon. Son John, all
 land on the northernly side of the sd. Swamp, 1 cow, he
 to enjoy Land at 21 yrs. of age. Son *Richard* all my
 land I now live upon, 1 cow, he to possess sd. land at
 21 years of age. Daughter Abbasha I have given unto
 her a Portion already which was two cows & two calves.
 Daughter Elizabeth 1 Hieffer two years old besides the
 stock I gave her formerly. Daughter Jane 1 cow and
 yearling Heifer. To George Rivers one yearling Heifer.
 To the child my wife now goes with if it lives two cows
 to enjoy them at three years old and if any of my chil-
 dren dye my will is that the others should succeed what
 Estate they leave. Wife Elizabeth residue of estate real
 & personal and debts due me, and my two servants, she
 paying all my debts. Wife Elizabeth whole & sole Exec-
 utrix. Wife Elizabeth to have the ordering & bringing
 up of John & Richard my sons until they be sixteen
 years old. Wit. Sylvester (B) Bullen. Anthony—(X)—
 Mathews. 1654.

Richard Jordan of Cypress (Swamp), from Thomas
 Newbee, a servant maid named Sarah to serve him but
 four years having no Indenture. Dated 27, Dec. 1671.
 Bk. 1, p. 230.

Richard Jordan Sr. a witness to conveyance of John
 Askew of Isle of Wight to Wm. Body of same Co. 14,
 Jany. 1672. Ibid. p. 274.

Susannah & Mathew, at the death of the longest liver to go to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten. For want of such heirs to revert to right heirs of sd. Susannah in fee simple as if this deed had never been made. Bk. 1, p. 347.

John Jordan, of Newport Parish, Isle of Wight Co. to Nicholas Casey of sd. Parish & Co. 3000 lbs of Tobacco. 100 acres in sd. Parish & Co. Nov. 10, 1704. Bk. 2, p. 7.

John Jordan, Will of; dated 13 Feb. 1710. To wife Margaret, To daughter Martha, To son John. Witnesses—John Watts, Pool Hall, John Howell. Proved 6 May 1712. Bk. 2, p. 539.

James Jordan of Isle of Wight Co. from Joseph Bridges of sd. Co. son & heir at Law of Hester Bridges, 5 shillings, 120 acres in Isle of Wight, part of Patent granted to sd. Hester Bridges decd. & James Tullah, dated 20 Oct. 1688. 18 Jan. 1711. Ibid. p. 201.

Mathew Jordan, of Isle of Wight Co. from Wm. Harrison of same Co. 5 shillings. 100 acres in Co. aforesd. known as Long Neck, being part of 1050 acres devised to sd. Harrison by will of Wm. Bressey of sd. Parish & Co., decd. 23 Dec. 1713. Ibid. p. 252.

Susannah Jordan, wife of Mathew Jordan of Isle of Wight and widow of Wm. Bressey of sd. Co. for good considerations, all manner of Dower to Wm. Harrison of same Co. 28, Dec. 1713. Ibid. p. 275.

Benjamin Jordan, Will of; dated Dec. 8, 1715. To wife, Sarah Jordan, Plantation on which testator dwells untill son Thomas arrives at 21 yrs. To three children, Margaret, Sarah & Benjamin feather beds and etc. 3 Brethren, viz: James, Robert & Richard to be overseers, that nothing be done without consent of wife. Of £31: due me from Robert Wise, £15 I give to my wife, the rest to my three children. Probated Dec. 8, 1715. Wit. Alexander Campbell, John Bradley, Mary Hurst. Ibid. p. 627.

JORDAN: ISLE OF WIGHT

Joshua Jordan, will of; dated Elizabeth, Furniture, etc. To daughter one ewe lamb; daughter Rachel Elizabeth, son Mathew small daughter Margaret to Susannah Mathew to value remainder of estate parts. Elizabeth, wife to be executor.

Joshua Jordan of Isle of Wight estate. Dec. 30, 1718. Elizabeth

Margaret Jordan, inventory as follows; two cows and calves Jordan. Bk. 3, p. 115.

James Jordan of Isle of Wight To son John Jordan & daughter and all my land. son John, grandson James (Jonus) and negroes; unto Jonus' children—Mathew Jordan Mary Proved Jany. 22, 1732/3. Ibid.

Blackabee Terall of Isle of Wight grandson Jonus (James?) Jordan; To granddaughter Ann Jonus Jordan. James Jordan to Thos. Goodson, Edward 1733. Ibid. p. 361.

James Jordan of Isle of Wight Jan. 22, 1732. Ibid. p. 362.

Richard Jordan Sr. of the Upper Plantation, from Richard—(X) Co. & Lower Parish, Planter. 150 acres. 60 acres beginning at a line running from the Cobblers branch of Line of William Braswell to James Sampson, decd. from there to First Station. Dec. 25, 1731. Bl

s wife of Nansemond Co.
 at Co. £20: curr. two par-
 . one part being part of a
 Godfrey Hunt & by sd.
 & by sd. Revis bequeathed
 l. Revis conveyed to Capt.
 & by the sd. Godwin be-
 tuated on the South west
 creek known by the name
 out 50 acres. The other
 by Henry Reves and a
 ated 18th March 1672/3
 . part joining to the land
 3. Ibid. p. 337.

ence & Mathew Jordan
 Jordan, decd. of the Co.
 ewport, with the consent
 , widow & relict of sd.
 ister Elizabeth Parr and
 a negro girl named Kate
 739. Bk. 7, p. 531.

f Wight Co. To daughter
 e use of my negro boy
 river £5: curr. daughter
 ghter Patience; grandson
 iver all my land & Dis-
 rs. Wit. Robert Driver
 Thomas Pledger 1 Mar.

Wight Co. will of; To
 son Josiah Jordan. son
 I bought of my cousin
 t. daughter Charity Jor-
 2 sons Josias & Mathias:
 e Wilson; William Hods-
 my estate. Wit. Wm.
 Wilson. 2 Sept. 1747.

Will of Mary Deshey, dated 20 Oct. 1748. To cousin
 James Wrenn the plantation which I now live on & ne-
 groes. To James Wrenn, a negro fellow named Peter on
 the proviso that the said James Wrenn do pay to the two
 daughters of Ann Bracy, the wife of Francis Bracy the
 sum of five pounds on their marriage day or on the day
 of eighteen years of age & further the sd. James Wrenn is
 to pay John Wrenn, Joseph Wrenn & William Wrenn,
 Mary Brontley, Elizabeth Brantly, & Martha Bedgoods
 children the sum of £20: curr. to be equally divided be-
 tween the said brothers and sisters. My cousin James
 Jordan & Joseph Jordan two feather beds. Cousin James
 Wrenn the first foal that the mare brings. Cousin James
 Jordan and Richard Jordan executors. Witnesses Thos.
 Smith, Wm. Glover, John Chestnut, Oct. 20, 1748. Ibid.
 p. 162.

Joshua Jordan, decd. estate of, appraised by order of
 Court Jan. 4, 1749. Appraisers, Edmond Godwin John
 Monro. Ibid. p. 239.

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Charles Jordan, decd. appraisement of estate returned
 & recorded. O. Bk. 1746-52, p. 13.

Josiah Jordan & Mourning, his wife, executors of Abra-
 ham Ricks decd. vs Joseph Stevens for one pound. Ibid.
 p. 33.

Richard Jordan is appointed Surveyor of the Road in
 the room of Robert Brown & ordered to keep the same
 in repair. O. Bk. 1746-52, p. 114.

Mathew Jordan Jr. decd. acct. curr. of estate returned
 & recorded. O. Bk. 1746-52, p. 212.

It is ordered that James Baker, Lawrence Baker & Jor-
 dan Thomas be appointed to set aside the dower of Pa-
 tience Jordan in the estate of her decd. Husband Mathew
 Jordan. Ibid. p. 212.

COLONEL JOSEPH BRIDGER OF WHITE MARSH PLANTATION: Listings in
Swem's Index

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The Second Generation

THOMAS GODWIN II

Thomas Godwin II married Martha Bridger, daughter of Colonel Joseph Bridger and Hester Pitt Bridger in 1679 in Isle of Wight County. He was born c. 1655 and died in 1714, and she was born c. 1660 and died post 1714. The Bridgers lived in Isle of Wight County on a farm known as "White Marsh," about four miles north of the home of Thomas Godwin I. Some of this property is presently owned by B. B. Ferguson and is today called "White Marsh" and is about two miles east of Highway No. 10 on State Route 620 not far from the store once operated by Quincy B. Gilliam. Thomas Godwin II and Martha Bridger Godwin, who lived at "Oldcastle," were the parents of six sons and three daughters, namely, Thomas, Joseph, Edmund, Samuel, William, James, Martha, Elizabeth and Mary.

Martha Bridger Godwin died after her husband, Thomas Godwin II, wrote his will because she was named as one of his beneficiaries. His will was dated 3 May 1712 and was probated on 27 May 1714, and a copy was later re-recorded in 1918 in the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County.

Thomas Godwin II was a prominent citizen and while having lost by one vote in a contest for a seat in the House of Burgesses in 1693, he later served in that body in 1710, 1712, and 1714. He also served his county as Coroner, Presiding Justice and was Sheriff at the time of his death.

In 1705, Thomas Godwin II was a Colonel and Commandant for the militia in Nansemond County and he was removed from office by Lieutenant Governor Nicholson. It should be noted that Godwin spoke harshly about Nicholson and there was little friendly feeling between the two men. (History does not record Nicholson as a very well-liked Colonial Governor.)

It is interesting to note that Thomas Godwin II and his father-in-law, Colonel Joseph Bridger, got along well together despite their differences during Bacon's Rebellion. It should be observed also that Thomas Godwin II received no slaves in the will of his father, but his brother, Edmund, and his sister, Elizabeth, did receive slaves after the death of their mother. The will of Thomas Godwin II made bequests to each of his nine children, but nowhere was there any mention of a slave.

We believe Thomas Godwin II built the handsome brick home "Pembroke" on the Nansemond River about 1705. It is well preserved and presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Warrington and is listed on the National Register of Historic Homes.

The Third Generation

JOSEPH GODWIN

Joseph Godwin, son of Thomas Godwin II and Martha Bridger Godwin, was born between 1680-85 and died prior to 1 January 1761 when his will was probated in Isle of Wight County. We cannot establish his wife's name and it can be assumed she predeceased him since no mention of her is made in his will dated 7 November 1757. His will named his sons, Thomas, Samuel and Jonathan, and a daughter, Elizabeth, as well as his grandsons, Joseph, James, Jonathan and Samuel.

He lived on the farm known as "Green Plains" in Isle of Wight County, which he inherited from his father, Thomas Godwin II. Its exact location I cannot determine, but it was between the Colonel Joseph Bridger Home and the Thomas Godwin Home. I have a poorly photographed copy of a picture of the home at "Green Plains" and it markedly resembles the old house (or rather two houses joined as one) that we

HANOVER COUNTY—Continued.

NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY.	White.	Black.	NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY.	White.	Black.	NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY.	White.	Black.	NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY.	White.	Black.
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Childress, William, Senr.....	13		Hopkins, Charles.....	9	2	Mallory, Thomas.....	8	11	Ellis, Francis.....	3	7
Childress, William, Jr.....	7	4	Mills, Charles.....	9	6	Pollard, Sarah.....	5	1	White, Elisha.....	6	7
Childress, John.....	8		Sanders, George.....	7	1	Wright, Margaret.....	5	2	Green, Elijah.....	1	4
Lacy, Charles.....	5	2	Huckstep, John.....	1	5	Dickenson, William.....	8		Sims, Matthew.....	1	2
Anderson, Robert (Gold mine).....	3	21	Thomson, Elizabeth.....	6	9	Duke, John.....	13	8	Kersey, Julius.....	9	
Sims, John.....	1		Rice, Jesse.....	8		Grubbs, Richard.....	9		Green, Thomas.....	10	2
Sims, David.....	1	2	Higgason, John.....	7		Dickinson, Zack.....	3	1	Smith, Nathaniel.....	8	4
Elliott, Robert.....	12	12	Hall, Timothy.....	7		Plant, John.....	11		Tinsley, David.....	3	
Tyler, Thomas.....	7	1	Higgason, Benjamin.....	8		Richardson, David.....	7	16	Tinsley, Philip.....	1	
Denton, John.....	7	1	Sims, John, Jr.....	6	2	Thornton, John.....	9	20	Pollard, William.....	8	23
Meeks, Martin.....	5		Higgason, Charles.....	5	1	Miller, Robert.....	1		Tinsley, William.....	3	18
Bryers, Edward.....	9	4	Smith, Henry (for Jno Winston).....	5	21	Alvis, Stanley.....	2		Whitlock, Matthew.....	10	20
Hines, John.....	4	4	Anderson, David, Jr.....	5	3	Harris, James.....	3	1	Tinsley, Thomas.....	5	16
Martin, John, Senr.....	3		Hall, John.....	5	3	Hope, John.....	9	16	Brand, Joseph.....	4	6
Anderson, John.....	7		Stanley, William.....	5	1	Arnold, Joshua.....	9	3	Taylor, Skeiton.....	8	18
Draper, David.....	5		Thomas, David.....	3	6	Arnold, Henry.....	7	2	Gentry, David.....	8	9
Anderson, Betty.....	2	1	Baker, Martin.....	6	4	Arnold, William.....	10	4	Hundley, Charles.....	1	
Harlow, James (his mother, &c).....	8	3	Baker, Martin, Junr.....	6	11	Goodwin, Rebekah.....	3	5	Archer, Elisha.....	1	
Harris, Mourning.....	9		Swift, Clessears.....	6	11	Eggleston, Elizabeth.....	7	69	McClara, William.....	8	2
Harris, John.....	7		Walton, William.....	5	6	Winston, James (Estate).....	1	29	Waxley, William.....	7	15
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Amblar, John.....	5		Chewning, Geo. (for Genl Nel).....	6	45	Hinde, Thomas.....	5	1	Gentry, William.....	7	18
Askew, John.....	5		Minor, John (for Do).....	8	62	Robinson, John.....	4	3	Wingfield, John.....	8	18
Harris, Robert.....	3	5	Dickinson, Thomas (Do).....	2	40	Overton, Mildred.....	7		Butler, Edward.....	3	7
Crenshaw, Nicholas.....	6		Oliver, Robert (Do).....	2	40	Southward, Robert.....	14	15	Priddy, John.....	3	9
Camron, Wm.....	10	13	Spencer, John (Do).....	3	31	Richardson, John.....	5	2	Keyser, William.....	9	7
Harris, David.....	13		Watkins, James.....	5	32	Hadon, Isaiah.....	5	3	Hughes, Reuben.....	1	14
Harris, John (Quaker).....	13		Hawkins, Mary.....	3	6	Alvis, George.....	17	146	Thomson, Nathaniel.....	8	18
Cary, Col W. M. (at Scotch Town).....	12	80	Hawkins, James.....	3	6	Mallory, John.....	8	37	Taylor, Maggy.....	9	
Crew, Micajah.....	5	1	Walton, Robert.....	6	43	Berkeley, Nelson.....	7		Taylor, William.....	7	
Harris, Moses.....	5	16	Hawkins, Edmund.....	11	20	Lawrence, John.....	4		Taylor, Henry.....	4	5
Sydnor, Robert.....	5		Barret, Revd Robert.....	6	3	Hinchey, Bartelot.....	6	5	Taylor, Charles.....	5	
Sheton, Capt John (Hanover Estd).....	1	24	Goodman, Joseph.....	8	1	Lively, John.....	5		Francis, Nelly.....	5	
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am, George.....	1	21	Goodman, Samuel.....	2	8	Timberlake, Richard.....	9	16	Scherer, Samuel.....	7	27
haw, Joseph.....	1	3	Byarse, James.....	6	2	Ellis, William.....	3	6	Winston, Geddes.....	2	
Crenshaw, Charles.....	4	3	Brooks, Richeson.....	7	1	Hughes, Nathan.....	1	8	Taylor, John.....	9	15
Crenshaw, Wm.....	8	2	Day, John.....	5	4	Austin, Chapman.....	8	14	Winston, Thomas.....	3	6
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Mells, Nicholas.....	3	10	Dalby, Mary.....	10	1	Browning, John.....	5		Bowe, Sarah.....	6	11
Mells, Ann.....	6	10	Dickenson, Margaret.....	8	12	Browning, Sarah.....	8		Pickett, George.....	6	4
Walton, Edward.....	3	8	Taylor, Edmund.....	10	1	Jones, Ben.....	4	10	Armstrong, Ellis.....	3	
Mills, Francis.....	2	3	Davis, Sarah.....	5	8	Shelton, Joseph.....	7	2	Jones, Absalom.....	6	44
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Sims, William.....	5		Sandige, Martin.....	8	14	Taylor, Charles.....	6		Richardson, Turner.....	6	17
			Mallory, Charles.....	4		Richardson, John.....	7	27	Welham, Ann.....	5	10
			McNemar, Wm.....	2		Burnley, William.....	6		Bell, Nathan.....		
			Loyall, John.....	4		Kendrick, Robert.....	7		Bell, More.....		
			Grubbs, Benjamin.....	5		Kersey, Edward.....	4				
			Grubbs, William.....	4		Timberlake, John.....					
			Mallory, Lactitia.....	4		Glass, Thomas.....					

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Applewhaite, Elizabeth.....	4	8	Bowzer, Phillip.....	1		Babb, Ann.....	10	2	Brewer, Joseph.....	1	
Ash, Chloe.....	3		Bowzer, Giles.....	1		Bullock, Samuel.....	1		Bradshaw, Richard.....	3	2
Applewhaite, Josiah.....	4	4	Best, Martha.....	2		Briggs, David.....	6		Bridger, James Allen.....	4	14
Ash, Sarah.....	7		Bunkley, Joshua.....	4	2	Benn, John.....	5	14	Beal, Dempsey.....	8	
Allmond, John.....	6	2	Barlow, James.....	2	8	Butler, John.....	6		Butler, James.....	3	2
Allmond, William.....	8	2	Bennett, John.....	6	1	Butler, James.....	7		Bowden, Lemuel.....	1	1
Applewhaite, Arthur.....	4	12	Barlow, Thomas.....	1		Bracey, John.....	10		Bowden, Richard.....	5	
Atkinson, Jesse.....	8	6	Brantley, Wilson.....	4	11	Bracey, Campion.....	5	2	Bagnal, William.....	6	
Armstrong, John.....	5	3	Betts, William.....	5		Britt, Jordan.....	10	2	Butler, Charles.....	4	1
Allen, Jesse.....	5	1	Betts, Elverson.....	3		Bowden, John.....	8		Bridger, Joseph.....	6	5
Atkinson, Simon.....	7		Betts, Sally.....	7		Bowden, Thomas.....	7	2	Butler, John.....	8	5
Atkinson, Christopher.....	1		Braddy, Patrick.....	5		Bridger, Mrs. Susanna.....	4	10	Brantley, Joseph.....	5	5
Atkinson, Harwood.....	1		Braddy, Mason.....	2	6	Bridger, William.....	4	12	Baker, Henry.....	5	
Askew, Jonathan.....	5		Bidgood, Ann.....	3		Butler, Ephraim.....	5		Bullock, Thomas.....	2	
Averitt, John.....	8	2	Brantley, Thomas.....	1		Barrott, Rauleigh.....	6	3	Bullock, William.....	3	1
Averitt, Samuel.....	5	8	Britt, Elizabeth.....	5		Butler, Stephen.....	7	9	Bullock, Obediah.....	3	
Averitt, Samuel, Junr.....	6	6	Blunt, Elizabeth.....	2	3	Boon, Ratcliff.....	6	6	Bullock, Joseph.....	5	
Askew, Thomas.....	10	1	Braswell, James.....	8		Butler, Epaphroditus.....	3		Beal, Benjamin, Jr.....	5	7
Allen, Randall.....	3	1	Braswell, William.....	1		Butler, Eleazer.....	7		Beal, Benjamin.....	9	5
Atkinson, Benjamin.....	4	1	Barlow, William.....	2	1	Bracey, William.....	4		Brown, John.....	6	
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OUTLANDISH TO OUTLANDERS

Local Place Names Are Peculiar But Colorful, Ancient, Approved

By SEGAR COFER DASHIELL
SMITHFIELD — A tourist from North Carolina recently wrote an editorial in a local newspaper complaining about some of the seemingly absurd and outlandish place names attached to the hundreds of new housing developments springing up all over Tidewater Virginia and suggested that the developers select more home-grown and indigenous names for these home sites—something that has time-honored or historical meaning in the locality.

But even that standard for selecting a name, sensible and excellent as it is, has not always produced satisfying results. What could have been more home-grown and indigenous to this area than the original name given our own County Warrasquoacke? But being unable to spell it or pronounce it the early settlers soon grew tired of struggling with it, and named it Isle of Wight for an obscure little island on the side of the Atlantic that, until then, no connection whatever with this continent, and which must have seemed meaningless and outlandish to the real natives. Which may just prove, if anything, that what to one man is indigenous is to another man outlandish.

Isle of Wight now abounds in many meaningful and interesting place names, some of which date back to the earliest days of the settlement, and the origin of some of them has long since been forgotten.

Many people inquire why our local river is called "Pagan"—and nobody knows the answer. Some explain that it refers to the heathen Indians who lived along its banks, and another story says it was named for a cantankerous old settler who refused to obey the laws about going to church on Sunday, and who went out and lived alone in an isolated spot along the river. Whatever its origin—the name has stuck with it for more than three hundred and twenty years, since as early as 1643. Before that date it had been called by the same unpronounceable name given the county, and was sometimes called New Town, Haven Creek. We now have Pagan brand ham and bacon, Pagan Pines subdivision and Pagan Point.

One of the earliest place names in the County, which is still in common and everyday use, is Ragged Island. It is first found in the records in 1639 when Tristram Norsworthy patented 200 acres "towards the

becca, married Richard Jordan in 1706. The Newmans and Jordans were both Quaker families, and they have a great many descendants. Other early land owners in Terrascoe Neck were Peter and Henry Best, Col. Robert Pitt, Chris. Holmes, Daniel Sanbourne and Epaphroditus Lawson who patented there in 1649 "on Bay side at a point called Lawsen's Bay". This is the area bounded roughly by Brewer's Creek, Chuckatuck Creek and James River, and includes the lands of Channells, Blackwells, Holladays and others.

Another ancient name in the Lower Parish that has continued in use through the years is White Marsh—first mentioned in 1666, when Joseph Bridger and William Burgh patented 7,800 acres "beginning by a White Marsh, a meadow about half a mile from the main run of Blackwater". This was Col. Joseph Bridger who became prominent in the affairs of the Colony, and whose residence was also called "White Marsh".

His house has long since disappeared, but the site of his home is still known as the White Marsh farm. Col. Bridger was not only prominent, but also wealthy, and his house, or houses, must have been among the largest in Virginia at that time. His inventory lists the rooms as "Cellar, kitchen, kitchen chamber, dining room, parlor, hall, gallery, landing chamber over dining room, outer chamber, lower chamber, hall chamber, next chamber, middle chamber, middle uppermost chamber, childrens chamber"—and the furnishings were elegant and extensive. His wife was Hester, daughter of a neighbor, Col. Robert Pitt; they had seven children, and unnumbered people all over the United States are proud to claim descent from this eminent gentleman. In fact, he is one of the most sought after ancestors Isle of Wight has produced. In 1787 White Marsh farm was owned by Col. Josiah Parker, and about a century later it belonged to the Davis family and was the childhood home of the late Charles E. Davis, Commissioner of the Revenue for Isle of Wight for many years.

Smith's Neck, also lying along the lower James River, still retains its identity, and descendants of the William Smith who patented there more than three hundred years ago are still occupying a part of the tract. The village of Rescue is also a part of it.

Around the middle of the 18th century Nicholas Parker acquired a small portion of the Smith tract from Nicholas Smith, and a larger tract adjoining it from James Bagnall, where he made his home. He was the great-grandson of Thomas Parker who died in 1668, and the grandson of Francis Parker who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Smith of Smith's Neck. In 1787, just two years before he died, Nicholas Parker conveyed all his property to his three sons, John, Josiah and Copeland. This was Col. Josiah Parker who had served with distinction in the Revolutionary War, and at this time, 1787, was residing in Portsmouth where he was Collector at the Naval Office of Elizabeth River. He was elected to Congress in 1789. He retired to Macclesfield where he died in 1810, and it was inherited by his only child, Ann Peirce Parker, who married Capt. William Cowper, USN, and died there in 1849. A few years after her death it was sold out of the family and is now owned by Dr. Rae Parker Jr. of Smithfield, who does not, however, claim descent from this line. It is believed to have been named for their old home in England—Macclesfield Hundred in Cheshire, where the Parker family was long seated.

As late as 1937 the grave of Nicholas Parker who died in 1789 could still be located at Macclesfield, as well as the graves of two infants who died in 1800 and 1803. Col. Josiah Parker is believed to have been buried there, but there is now no trace of his grave or marker.

All these old places are within a few miles of each other in the southeast corner of the county, and the Smiths, Parkers, Norsworthys, Pitts, Bridgers, Whitfields and other local families married and intermarried for generations and many of their descendants are still in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, none of the original dwelling houses have survived—but there is in Terrascoe Neck a long, low brick building, on the Blackwell farm now owned by James Edward Turner, that is probably one of the oldest buildings in the county. The land on which it is located is said to have belonged originally to Col. Tobert Pitt, is on Brewer's Creek, and the old house is believed to have been a very early customs house.

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Tristram Norsworthy was a Burgess for Upper Norfolk or Vansomond in 1641. His wife was Ann; his eldest son was Col. George Norsworthy; his granddaughter, Elizabeth, married Joseph Bridger; another son, Tristram, married Sarah, daughter of Col. John Pitt and here have been innumerable descendants in the county. Among them was Samuel Whitfield of Smithfield, who, in 1815, sold to his brother Henry Whitfield "a tract called the ragged Island on James River which joins lands of Joseph Chapman, John King and the late Josiah Parker's main Plantation called Macclesfield, which was devised to me by my grandfather, a certain Tristram Norsworthy-300 acres". It is now owned by Sinclair Phillips, Edwin K. Phillips and Emily Lohmeyer of Newport News, and is still known as Ragged Island.

Terrascoe Neck, also mentioned in 1656, is still a well known place name in the lower end of Isle of Wight now called Rascos Neck. Among the early land owners in the Neck was Richard Ratcliffe, a prominent Quaker. One of his daughters, Mary, married Thomas Nor-

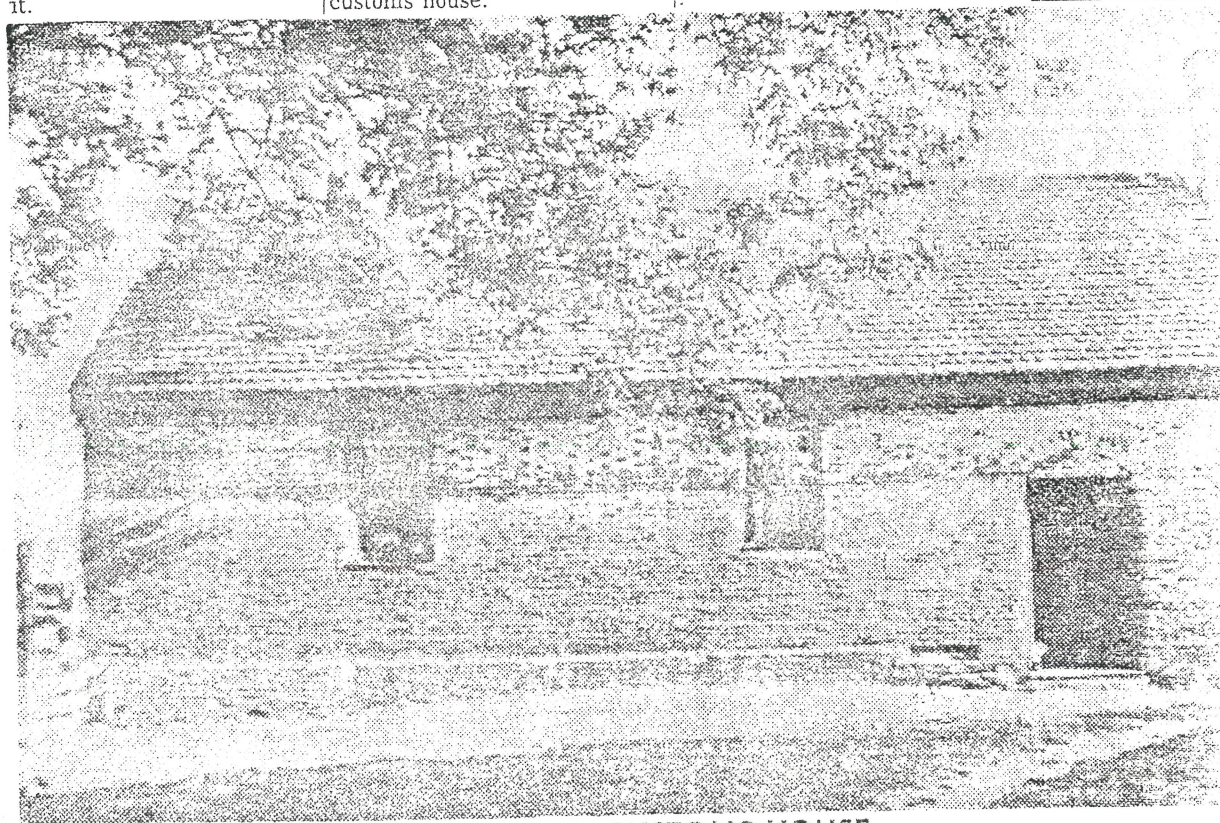
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OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE

This long, low brick building on the Blackwell farm in Terrascoe Neck is believed to have been a very early customs house. The land on which it is located is said to have belonged originally to Col. Robert Pitt and is now owned by James Edward Turner. The house, which is probably 300 years old, is located on Brewer's Creek.

ARGOLL³ THOROUGHGOOD (Adam², Adam¹), who married Ann Church, died 1700.
 ie: 22. Argoll⁴, who married Elizabeth Keeling, died 1754; 23. Adam⁴; 24. Adam⁴; 25. Frances⁴; 26. Elizabeth⁴.
 JOHN³ THOROUGHGOOD (Adam², Adam¹), Justice of Prince George's County, Sheriff, 1699, married Margaret Lawson, deceased,

ie: 27. Anthony⁴; 28. John⁴ married Pembroke, daughter of es Sayer, deceased 1719.

ROBERT³ THOROUGHGOOD (Adam², Adam¹), who married Hannah — died about 1755.

ie: 29. Robert⁴.

FRANCIS³ THOROUGHGOOD (Adam², Adam¹) who married Amy —, died 14 February 1740.

ie: 30. John⁴; 31. Lovell⁴ (b. 30 November 1734); 32. Adam⁴ (April 1736); 33. Ann⁴ (b. 31 January 1740).

WILLIAM³ CHANDLER (Anne² Thoroughgood, Adam¹) to his father bequeathed in his will, 1659, "my plantation that I live on, with the land belonging to it, viz: 1000 acres bought of Lewes," married Mary —. She, with their children, is named in his will, 20 March 1684-18 May 1685, Maryland.⁷

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ie: 39. Thomas⁴; 40. George⁴; 41. Peter⁴; Philip⁴ called young Elizabeth⁴ called "little" daughter.

ADAM³ MICHAEL (Elizabeth² Thoroughgood, Adam¹) married Sarah Littleton (See Southey-Harmer-Littleton) who married (2) wife John Custis III, son of General John Custis II. Apparently Adam³ Michael *d.s.p.* as he left his plantation to his kinsman (new) 45. Hancock⁴ Custis (see *post*)

MARGARET³ MICHAEL (Elizabeth² Thoroughgood, Adam¹) married as his (1) wife, John Custis III (1654-26 January 1713/14) of "Northampton County, member of the Council, 1699. His stone there gives information concerning him and his family.⁹

⁷ Cal. W. I 148.
⁸ For inscription, see ES I 322
⁹ III 55

Issue: 7 sons and 2 daughters, of whom: 44. John IV⁴ (1678-1749), who inherited "Arlington," married 14. Frances⁵ Parke; 45. Hancock⁴.
 21. SARAH³ MICHAEL² (Elizabeth² Thoroughgood, Adam¹) married, (1), 1671, 5. Argoll Yearlley, (2) by 1684 James Watt and (3) by 1697 Thomas Maddux.

Issue: by (1), see YEARDLEY; by (2), 46. James⁴.

² ES I 291, 292

TOOKE

*1. JAMES¹ TOOKE came to Virginia in the *George*, 1621,² and settled first at James City where he was living, 12 January 1626, at which time he obtained permission "to remove from 'The Maine' without James City and plant at Mulberry Island."³ There is no record of his owning land at this popular "seating place" below Jamestown, however, by 11 November 1640, he had taken up 900 acres in Isle of Wight County. This tract repatented by Nicholas Cobb, 17 June 1664, had been assigned to Cobb, 3 January 1661, by William² Tooke (Tuke), "son and heire" of James¹ Tooke, the original patentee.⁴

On 14 September 1653, James¹ Tooke patented "178 acres in Isle of Wight County upon the head of one of the black water branches, near Thomas Pritchard's cartway."⁵ This tract was repatented, 9 March 1662 by Thomas² Tooke as "due sd. Thomas as son & heire" of James¹ Tooke.⁶

James¹ Tooke served as Clerk of Courts of Isle of Wight County, as Justice, 1646 and as a member of the House of Burgesses, 1639.⁷ His will, 1 February 1659-2 February 1662, Isle of Wight, does not name his wife, who probably predeceased him, but names

Issue:⁸ 2. THOMAS²; 3. William² bequeathed by his father "one cow called Troublesome," was in possession of his father's land by 3 January 1661, married by 1671 Jane, step-daughter of William Ridley; 4. Dorothy², named in her father's will as the wife of John Harvey (Governor of North Carolina), and bequeathed personally "already in the custody of her husband at the 'Southward'," made her will 14 November 1682, naming her brother Thomas² executor and making bequests to all of his children, apparently *d.s.p.*⁹

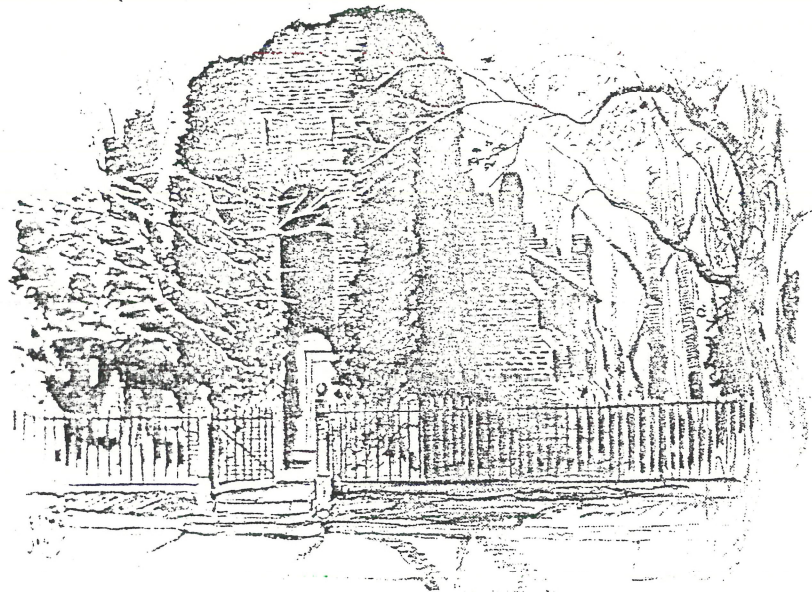
² John Bennett Boddie, *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia* 260-262; the name is also TUKE
³ CP 16
⁴ MCGG 133
⁵ CP 522
⁶ *Ibid.* 280
⁷ *Ibid.* 484
⁸ *ante*, note a, Boddie, *I of W.* 703, 704;
⁹ CP 61
¹⁰ R, Isle of Wight Co. W. #1, p. 590
¹¹ *ante*, note d; R, Isle of Wight Co. W. & D. #1, p. 98
¹² J. B. Grimes, *Abstracts of North Caro-*

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Both Colonel Bridger and his wife, Hester Pitt, were related to the Driver family in Gloucestershire, England, before coming to Virginia. There is a strong tradition in the Driver family of Isle of Wight County that some of its members were brought to Virginia by Colonel Bridger to build the Old Brick Church. This tradition appears to be supported by the presence in the old church's brick work of the initials "C. D." and "T. D.", believed to be those of Charles and Thomas Driver. These initials are deeply cut into the right-hand front quoins of the church tower near the top of its southwest corner, and are whitened with cement, in accordance with colonial practice. The location is quite inaccessible from the ground and these inscriptions are clearly original with the church, of which the tower is undoubtedly an integral part and not a later addition.

This Driver tradition increases the difficulty of accepting 1632 as the date of the church's erection, since Thomas and Charles Driver are shown by the county records to have reached manhood in the last quarter of the seventeenth century and, like the Bridgers, the Driver family cannot be proved to have been in Isle of Wight before 1657²³.

Among the few county records referring to a church in the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight is a deed which appears to indicate that a church was in service at this site as early as 1638, tending to confirm the traditional building of a church for the parish in 1632, although it does not prove that this church was the present building. In this deed, dated 9th January, 1667, John Vallentine, Jr., confirms to Mr. John Marshall a tract of land originally sold to Marshall by Vallentine's father, in a deed of 13th January, 1638, and described as "100 acres, lying Southerly on the Creek & Northerly into the woods . . . & soe running downewards to the head of the Creek that leadeth to the then Church", with some additional area bounded on "the deep Swamp."²⁴

The final detail of this description seems to identify this as the site sold on 6th September, 1683, by Michael Fulgham of the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight to its churchwardens and vestrymen and described as "one Acre of Land . . . scituate in the Lower parish whereon the Churchhouse now stands by the Deep Swamp".²⁵ Since

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rginia, I, 305.

²³ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, I, 365 (Patent of Giles Driver).

²⁴ *Isle of Wight County Wills, Deeds, 1662-1715*, I, 121.

²⁵ *Isle of Wight County Wills, Deeds, 1661-1719*, II, 569.

WILL OF COL. JOSEPH BRIDGER, 1683, AND APPRAISEMENT OF HIS
ESTATE, 1686

The will of Col. Joseph Bridger of White Marsh Plantation, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, is to be found in the Isle of Wight County Book of Wills No. 3.

According to the will, Bridger's personal estate was to be equally divided between his wife, Hester, and his sons Joseph, Samuel, and William; and his daughters, Martha (Godwin), Mary, and Elizabeth, share and share alike. 246

His son Samuel was left the John and William Gatlin plantation and one-half of the Curawaock plantation - 7800 acres, etc. 247

His son William was left 850 acres formerly belonging to Nathaniel Floyd and another tract leased to Christopher Wade.

Mrs. Bridger was to have the home tract on which Bridger lived, 850 acres belonging formerly to Captain Upton, and 300 acres formerly belonging to Mr. Seward. Mrs. Bridger was to keep the "Brick housing and orchard in repaire".

His son Joseph was to receive the home tract at his mother's death, as well as one-half of the Curawaock land and a tract at Manokin. However, by a codicil, Colonel Bridger disinherited his son Joseph.

The will was proved on May 8, 1686.

A receipt in the same will book listed of Mr. Thomas Godwin, for his wife Martha's share from the Bridger estate. Dated July 16, 1686.

Following were receipts by Capt. Richard Tibboth for his daughter Mary and one by Mr. Thomas Lear for his daughter Elizabeth.

A thorough appraisement of the Bridger estate was also recorded. Among the lists of goods, furniture, etc., there is enough to tell something of the buildings on White Marsh Plantation: (1) There was a store with a chamber over it, (2) the "oulde bricke house" had an upper chamber, and on the first floor was a first chamber, the next chamber, a dining room, and a children's chamber, (3) the "new house" contained an "uppermost chamber, middlemost chamber, 3rd chamber over dining room, and a gallery; the first floor contained a parlor, hall, lower chamber, kitchen chamber, outer chamber, landing, and kitchen. 244

WILL OF JOSEPH BRIDGER, JR. , 1713

The Will Books of Isle of Wight County contain the will of Joseph Bridger, son of Colonel Joseph Bridger of White Marsh Plantation, dated March 14, 1712/1713. The will was proved June 25, 1713.

Thomas, R. S., "Isle of Wight County Records," William and Mary College Quarterly, Series 1, Vol. VII, April 1899, No. 4, pp. 206-315.

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"WHITEMARSH FARM" HOME SITE

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Isle of Wight County, Virginia

Location: Go one mile south of Benn's Church, Virginia, on Route #10, thence eight miles east of Route #10 on Route #620, thence one half of a mile east of Route #620 to this site.

Date: About 1686

Owners: Joseph Bridges 1686
J. T. Davis
J. T. Davis' heirs 1937

Description: The old house which was burned was located on a creek, and another two story house was built on the same foundation, and is still here.

Historical Significance:

This was the home of Colonel Joseph Bridges, the builder of St. Luke's Church. He was buried here and some years later, his remains were moved in front of the Chancel Rail, in St. Luke's Church. It is thought that some of the first settlers landed here, because it was on a creek. J. T. Davis ran a boat from this place to Norfolk, Virginia, and carried farm products such as watermelons, potatoes, etc. fifty years ago. It is thought that there are other people buried here, but they have no markers and are being plowed over.

Information: Furnished by Quincy Gilliam, Smithfield, Virginia

Research: Made by Florence Jordan, Benn's Church, Va. Feb. 28, 1936

(This write-up is part of Virginia W. P. A. Historical Inventory Project. Information copied by Estelle Beale Seward, January 22, 1968.)

BOUNDARY OF ARTHUR SMITH'S LAND ON WHITE MARSH, 1645

By his will of October 1, 1645, Arthur Smith of Warrisquiake in Virginia left 113
to his sons, Arthur and Richard, "a certain p'cell of land //called by the 114
name of the freshett, beginning at a dry valley running out of ye White Marsh
to thro' ye path as you goe to Joseph Cobbs and so running along ye path to ye
outmost bounds of my land next to Joseph Cobbs to be equally divided between
my s^d sons, share and share alike... I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane
Smith...one hundred acres of land of Christopher Reynolds measuring from ye
breadth towards my new dwelling house, the sd land in length from ye Creek side
not to extend into ye land before by me bequeathed to my sons Arthur and Richard
Smith but ye quantity to be made up in breadth. Item. I give and bequeath to my
son Thomas Smith and to his heirs for ever, all ye residue and remaynder of my
land whatsoever..., together with all house, edifices, buildings and boards upon
ye same...."

The Arthur Smith will was not recorded by the Isle of Wight Court until 116
February 9, 1693 (see Isle of Wight County Book of Orders, for an explanation
of the delay in recording). The will is to be found in Isle of Wight Will Book
No. 2, pp. 330-332.

According to a note by R. S. Thomas, Arthur Smith came to the Colony of Virginia,
in or prior to 1637. On September 10, 1637, he received from Sir John Harvey,
a patent for 1,450 acres of land for transporting 29 persons into the colony. He
located this patent at what is now Smithfield.

Thomas, R. S., "Isle of Wight Wills," The Virginia Magazine of History and
Biography, Vol. VI, October 1898, No. 2, pp. 113-116.

WHITE MARSH PROPERTY DEEDED OF JOHN PERRY TO COL. JOSEPH
BRIDGER, 1673

In the records of Isle of Wight County there is recorded a deed of John Perry, son of Philip Perry, of y^e Whitemarsh, to Col. Joseph Bridger, 1673.

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Thomas, R. S., "Isle of Wight County Records," William and Mary College Quarterly, Series 1, Vol. VII, April 1899, pp. 205-315.

GRANT OF 800 ACRES OF ESCHEATED UPTON LAND TO BRIDGER, 1674

From the Land Office records in Richmond, it appears that

"Colo Joseph Bridger, Nov. 20, 1674, 800 acres Escheat land, formerly
in the possession of Capt. John Upton, decd. "

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Dan near its se. angle. Tobacco, Indian corn, oats, and wheat, are the principal staples. Pop. in 1840, whites 4,243, slaves 2,852, free colored 240; total, 7,335.

Martinsville, the county-seat, lies near the n. bank of Smith's River, about 70 miles sw. of Lynchburg, and 194 miles from Richmond. It is but a small village, situated on a beautiful eminence, commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country, and well supplied with excellent springs.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

ISLE OF WIGHT was one of the eight original shires into which Virginia was divided in 1634. Its name originally was *Warrosquyoake shire*, which it retained three years only, when its present one was given to it. The county is 37 miles long, with a mean width of 11: it has many creeks and swamps upon its surface, and a great variety of soil, though it is generally thin and sandy. Pop. in 1840, whites 4,918, slaves 3,786, free colored 1,268; total, 9,972.

Smithfield is in the northern part of the county, 65 miles southeasterly from Richmond, 15 above Hampton Roads, and 3 miles from James River. It lies on an elevated bank on the margin of Pagan creek, a bold and navigable stream, commanding a beautiful view of both land and water scenery—the country for 10 miles on the opposite bank of the James is in full view. This town was established in February, 1752, ten years after the founding of Richmond. Arthur Smith, Esq., the original owner of the land, had then laid it out into streets and lots, and being "an healthy place, and open to trade and navigation," it had begun to be built and settled upon. By the provisions of the act, Robert Burwell, Arthur Smith, William Hodsdon, James Baker, James Dunlop, James Arthur, and Joseph Bridger, gentlemen, were appointed trustees. Smithfield at present contains 10 or 12 stores, 1 Episcopalian, 1 Baptist, and 1 Methodist church, and a population of about 1000. The village is ornamented with shade-trees; and the numerous porches to the dwellings impress the stranger favorably as to the social and neighborly habits of its people. Several vessels sail from Smithfield with the exports of the county. Among these is bacon, cured here, which has long been celebrated, and commands the preference in all markets. Mayfield is a small village in the western part of the county.

Within an hour's ride from Smithfield, near the road to Suffolk, in the depths of the forest, stands an ancient church in ruins. It is alike an object of interest from its secluded situation, and its great antiquity. We have before us a communication from a highly respectable gentleman of this vicinity, which gives strong evidence that it was built in the reign of Charles I., between the years 1630



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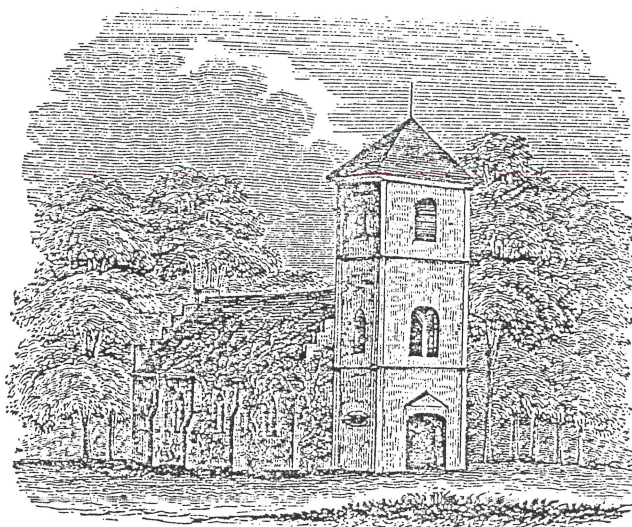
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Ancient Church, near Smithfield.

fore shipment. The whole structure was built in the most substantial manner; and even now, the wood-work, where not exposed to rain, is perfectly sound, and the mortar sufficiently hard to strike fire when in collision with steel. The structure is of brick, has a lofty tower, and is in good preservation. Its walls are overrun with a delicate net-work of vines.

In its day, it was a splendid edifice. One window, of about 25 feet in height, was composed of painted glass, representing scriptural subjects. It was probably abandoned about the period of the American revolution, when the Episcopal church, for a time, became nearly extinct in Virginia. Within the last twenty-five years it has been temporarily occupied by a sect called O'Kellyites. There is a project, which may be carried into effect, to repair it. If successful, generations yet unborn will meet within its time-hallowed walls, where, even now, more than two centuries have elapsed since their forefathers first raised the hymn of praise to the living God.

JACKSON.

JACKSON was formed in 1831, from Mason, Kanawha, and Wood: its length is 33, and its mean breadth 24 miles. The surface is

hilly, and the soil well. Mill creek and its branches form the interior of the county, along the Ohio, which carries large quantities of stone. Pop. in 1840, whites 4,000.

Ripley, the county-seat, is on the confluence with Sycamore river. It is a thriving village, with about 30 dwellings. Ripley, Ohio, contains 1 church and 10 dwellings.

JAMES CITY was one of the first settlements in Virginia when the James river was divided into two branches, the James and the York, and the James on its southern bank, has a mean breadth 8 miles, and a population of 507; total, 3,770.



Jamestown, the first settlement, was founded by Capt. John Smith and his followers. The site is a point of land, and the river is gaining on the shore, and will roll over it. Of this settlement, there is a church-yard, and the remains of antiquity, c

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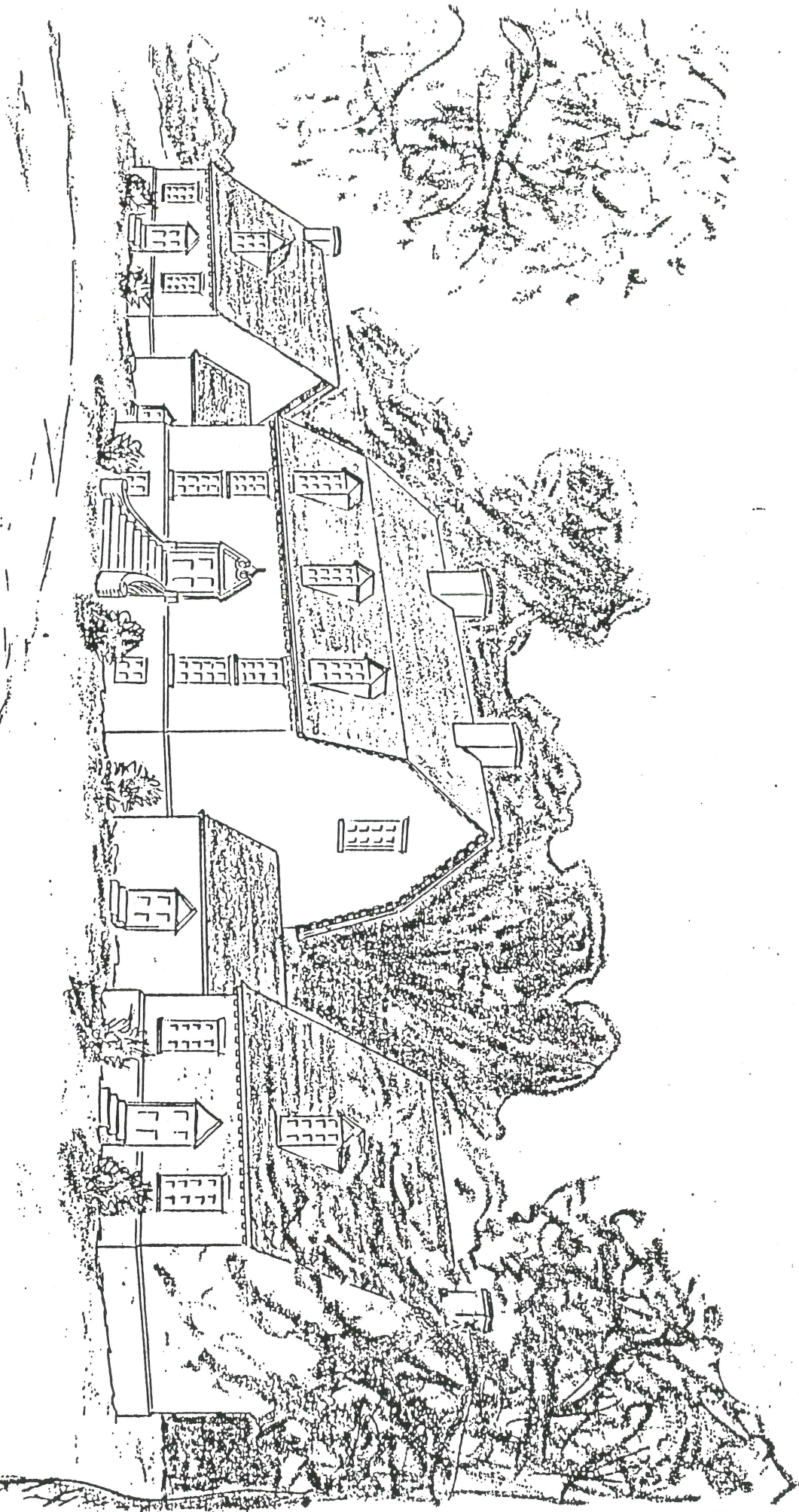
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To Helen Ann Ferguson

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"WHITE MARSH"

Home of Colonel Joseph Bridger,
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Fear of Being Frustrated Doesn't Faze Isle of Wight in Favoring Past History

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years before the church finally built in the capital of the colony. So far no trace of a Joseph Bridger who could have been the builder of the church has been found, since the one whose tombstone was placed in the church when it was restored was only four years of age in 1632. The inscription on this tombstone reads as follows:

Sacred
To the Memory of
The Honorable Joseph Bridger
Esq. Councillor of State in
Virginia

To King Charles the 2nd.
Dying April the 15: A. D. 1686
Aged 58 years. Mournfully left
His wife, 3 sons and 4
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(At the conclusion of this, there

are a few lines of tribute to Bridger.)

The Bridger home, "White-marsh," was not acquired by Colonel Bridger until 1673, when he purchased it from John Perry, son of Phillip Perry. There are only a few bricks remaining today to mark the site of this home. When Colonel Bridger died, he left 12,000 acres in Isle of Wight, besides other lands in Surry, James City, and Maryland, to his heirs.

Another of Isle of Wight County's famous "firsts" is Wrenn's Mill. The first grist mill erected in Virginia was built in 1646 by George Hardy who patented 300 acres on Lawnes Creek. (The mill later came into the possession of the Wrenn family from whom it derived its name.)

Members of the Hardy family served as burgesses, and Samuel Hardy, generally regarded as Isle of Wight's most brilliant son, belonged to this family. He was a member of the first Continental Congress and signed with Jefferson and Monroe the documents conveying to the United States all the rights of Virginia to the territory northwest of the Ohio River.

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Among the many who helped lay the foundations in this section of Virginia are the Marshall, Boy-

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During the War Between the States Nathaniel Young, then deputy clerk, had the records removed to Grenville County, and then Brunswick. Because of the resourcefulness and patriotism of this family, Isle of Wight, one of the original eight shires of Virginia, has her records almost complete.

By act of Assembly in 1691, a town had been laid out at the mouth of the Pagan River in Isle of Wight. It was first called Newport, later Patesfield, then Old Town when Smithfield was incorporated, and now is known as Battery Park.

However, Smithfield, the largest town in the county, was not incor-

porated until 1752. It was named for the Arthur Smith family, and the first trustees of the town were Robert Burwell, Arthur Smith, William Hodsden, James Baker, James Dunlop, James Arthur and Joseph Bridger.

The surveyor of the town was Jordan Thomas, and his plot shows 72 lots, four streets, and two lanes. The site of the town is in the main forks of the Pagan River, which has been an important place of trade since an early period in the history of the colony.

One writer has this comment to make about Smithfield: "Smithfield has an unparalleled history for progressiveness and the failure to hold its creation. It used to have the largest rum, bacon, and sugar

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Col. Josiah Parker, the outstanding Revolutionary figure from the county, was a personal friend of Lafayette, and in the noted picture of the Capture of the Hessians at Trenton by Trumbell, Colonel Parker is placed on the left side of Lafayette and painted from life.

The county probably owes its greatest debt of gratitude to the Young family, custodians of its records for over a hundred years. When Tarleton raided Smithfield during the Revolution with the intent of destroying the records, the wife of Deputy Clerk Francis

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

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The first English settlement in the county was begun by Captain Christopher Lawne and his English associates in the Spring of 1619 on the south side of the mouth of what is now Lawne's Creek. This "Isle of Wight plantation" was not successful.

In 1621, 120 settlers land at Warrascoyack and settled on the "Edward Bennett plantation" on Burwell's Bay. At that same time, Arthur Smith, Nathaniel Basse and others settled at "Basse's Choice" on the Warrascoyack River nearby.

In the Indian Massacre of March 1622, the Warrascoyack plantations suffered 53 fatalities as the Indians fell upon the unsuspecting settlers. For 14 miles down river from Hog Island, all the plantations were abandoned. // An expedition under Sir George Yeardley drove out the Nansemonds and Warrascoyacks, burned their houses and took their corn. In 1623 more military companies were sent against these Indians. 208

The proprietors of the abandoned settlements took heart from the successes of the military expeditions and were allowed to return to them.

In 1634, the Virginia plantations were divided into eight counties, and "Warrascoyack" 2 was one of them. In 1635 the census showed that 522 persons lived in the county. In 1658, there were 673 tithables or a population of 2019 persons.

In 1637 the county name was changed to Isle of Wight. The boundaries of the county began at Lawne's Creek on the James River and ran downriver to the plantation of William Norwell and Robert Pitt. In 1656 Terrascoe Neck and Ragged Island were added to the county. And in 1674 a line was run from the river side of Hayes Plantation to Norvell's Oyster Bank plantation, up creek to Col. Pitt's Creek, SW 1/2 point westerly, except the house and cleared lands of Capt. Thomas Godwin. (* insert: of Richard Hayes into woods southerly to plantation of...)

Hester Pitt, daughter of Robert Pitt, councillor and Lt. Col., married Colonel Joseph Bridger of the Council. 237

Colonel Bridger, Major Thomas Taberer and General Richard Bennett and other leading men of Isle of Wight County sympathized with the Quakers and while the Quakers were often fined for non-conformity, they were allowed their own meeting houses. 212

Smithfield was laid out in 1752 by Col. Arthur Smith and a Joseph Bridger, no doubt a descendant of Col. Joseph Bridger, was one of the first trustees. 215

In Bacon's Rebellion in 1676, Colonel Joseph Bridger headed the followers of Governor Berkeley. John Jennings, clerk of court, was the most noted of Bacon's followers in the county. Apparently there were a number of serious affraises in Isle of Wight County. Colonel Bridger was forced to flee the county, but then returned and was active in reducing the southside of the river to obedience to the crown.

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VARIOUS LAND GRANTS OF COL. JOSEPH BRIDGER AND OTHERS, 1664-1668

- Col. Robert Pitt, Capt. Joseph Bridger, and William Burgh, on March 21, 1664, were granted 3000 acres on Blackwater. 297
- Captain Joseph Bridger and William Burgh, on June 7, 1666, were granted 7800 acres in "Isle of Wight or Nancemond Co." by a white marsh or meadow about a 1/2 mile from the main run of The Blackwater. 300
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BOUNDS BETWEEN ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY AND NANSEMOND COUNTY

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ROYALISTS IN VIRGINIA

By 1644, conditions in England had become difficult because of the Civil Wars. In a correspondence with Daniel Llewellyn of Charles City, William Hallom of England wrote: "if these times hold long amongst us we must all faine come to Virginia."

The message sent by Hallom was prophetic, for by 1650, many well-to-do Englishmen, loyal to the Crown, fled to Virginia to escape the wrath of Cromwell's men. Some were so deeply involved politically that they assumed aliases. This was the case of Captain Francis Dade, who, until the Restoration, was known in Virginia as Major John Smith. Many, who came to Virginia during this period, remained. Mrs. Anne Gorsuch, whose husband, a Royalist, was pursued and killed in England, brought seven of her children to Virginia, but on returning to see to her affairs there, died. The children remained and established families in Virginia and Maryland. Daniel Horsmanden later returned to England and died there; however, his daughter Ursula married, as her second husband, William Byrd I and established the well-known Virginia family of that name.

Also, representative of the Royalists who migrated to Virginia was Colonel Joseph Bridger of Isle of Wight County. The date of his coming is unknown, but he appeared in the records as a member of the House of Burgesses, 1657; thus, apparently, he had been in the county several years prior to that time. His tombstone, uncovered at the site of his home plantation, "White Marsh," was removed in the late nineteenth century and placed in the chancel of the Old Brick Church (St. Luke's) in the county.

Colonel Bridger established in Isle of Wight a large mercantile business, trading Virginia tobacco for commodities

needed by the colonists. In addition, on several plantations, aggregating in total over 12000 acres, he raised tobacco and cattle, the latter apparently to supply ships departing for England. As a successful business man he shortly rose to prominence in the colony; he was a member of the Commission to adjust the boundary between Maryland and Virginia, 1664, a member of the Council, 1675, and sat on Governor Berkeley's court at "Greenspring," which condemned to death leaders of Bacon's Rebellion. In 1680, he was commander-in-chief of the militia of Isle of Wight, Surry, Lower Norfolk and Upper Norfolk (Nansemond) Counties, with the title of Major General. Evidently, he maintained a close association with Governor Berkeley, for he was a witness to the latter's will, 2 May 1676. His own will, dated 3 August 1683, with a codicil attached less than two months later, together with the inventory of his extensive estate, taken in 1686, provides interesting information as to the manner of living of the Virginia merchant and planter of the latter half of the seventeenth century.

In the settlement, Colonel Bridger's holdings were shared by his wife Hester (Pitt) and six of his seven children. The eldest son was excluded from his inheritance as Colonel Bridger, evidently a martinet with his family as well as in his official capacity, added in the codicil a directive cutting him off with 2000 pounds of tobacco because Joseph Jr. had been disobedient to him and had gone out in "diverse ways." In friendly suits with his brothers, after his father's death, the disinherited son gained possession of a large portion of his rightful heritage.

The family lived on the 850 acre plantation which Colonel Bridger had purchased from Captain Upton. There was on the place a brick house when the Bridger inventory was taken. There were four rooms on the first floor, including the children's chamber and the dining room, with two rooms in an upper story. Also a "new house" is listed in which there were the hall, the parlor and the lower chamber on the first floor, and on the upper floor

three rooms and a "gallery" (hall). All rooms and the halls in both houses were fully furnished. In the cellar beneath the new house the family supply of drink was kept. The kitchen with two additional chambers was probably separate from the house.

The mercantile business was carried on from a store, with an outer room, a supply room in the rear and a storeroom above. Also, there was a brick store; probably a warehouse, with storage space above. Merchandise brought from England was unloaded at the landing, where an unusual item of 800 "painting tiles" is listed. These imported tiles became popular, in the latter part of the century, for facing fireplaces and other uses.

A sloop, with a capacity of twenty-eight hogsheads, equipped with "furniture, sails, rigging and ground tackle" is accounted for in the inventory. Tobacco was picked up at the planters' wharfs, as goods shipped from England, through the Bridger agents, Micajah Perry and Thomas Lane, were delivered on the sloop.

Livestock was kept at pasture at the home plantation, at John Cahan's and at "Curowoak," the latter an 8000 acre grant. There were fifty-four head of cattle, and seven calves, these for butchering, thirteen cows and five yearlings for dairy supplies; eight oxen were used for heavy hauling, and besides there were nine steers and four bulls. Of old hogs, young hogs, sow shoats and pigs there were fifty-four and, in addition, seven sheep and fourteen horses.

Colonel Bridger owned 490 ounces of plate (silver) and had on hand, at the time of his death, Spanish money valued at sixty pounds and English money valued at forty-two pounds ten shillings.

In addition to these holdings, obligations due the merchant both in money and tobacco, are recorded, showing the extent of the business he carried on with the planters, who lived for the most part on the James River and its estuaries. Among those indebted to the Bridger estate were Colonel William Byrd for

twelve pounds, John Pleasants for five pounds, John Champion for 958 pounds of tobacco, Thomas Pitt for 2000 pounds of tobacco and Colonel Christopher Wormeley in a bill of exchange amounting to eight pounds. Besides, Perry and Lane in London held bills of exchange to Bridger's credit amounting to 654 pounds.

Four indentured servants, with existing terms of service, and thirteen Negroes including two small children, are listed by name in the inventory. A Negro, obviously from the West Indies, was called "Monsieur."

The enumeration of items in the two houses are of interest, as they show the more elaborate type of furnishings, that began to flow into the colony, after the middle of the century. The houses were heated as customary in the seventeenth century by fireplaces, for numerous andirons, either brass or iron, are listed together with tongs and fire-shovels. Numerous candlesticks, some of brass, some of wire and others of silver, illuminated the rooms in the evening. Chairs, rare in the early part of the century, were not scarce by 1686, for they are mentioned as caned, of leather, or covered either with serge or turkey-work, as were several couches. Tables of various sizes, a great looking-glass, a number of chests, several chests of drawers, and pictures were among the furnishings.

The beds were of the usual two types—the bedstead with feather-bedding, bolster and pillows being the more elegant, while the less important folks were assigned flock beds. Both types had curtains and valances, were supplied with blankets and sheets, the latter, either of canvas or Holland, and there were several quilts. The use of rugs mentioned is undetermined, for these often served as covering, or were hung on the walls to keep out the drafts. However, there was a carpet in the "great hall" of the new house, where also stood a clock, and unusual items as, three pairs of steelyards (scales).

There was a plentiful supply of table-linen in cloths and nap-

kins of various qualities, the diaper linen (damask) being the best. The tableware for the most part was of pewter, some four dozen plates being listed, together with porringer, chafing-dish, fish-plates and pie-plates. Among the silver was a punch bowl, candlesticks, serving dish, several spoons and the cover of a tobacco box.

The family was one of some learning for a parcel of books is listed; and evidently Colonel Bridger was interested in the mysteries of the times, for a book on *Witchcraft* and another on *Astrology* are mentioned particularly.

In addition to the planter's usual possession of arms for family protection, in a capacity of high ranking officer of the militia, Colonel Bridger had on hand several guns, a case of pistols and holsters, and a pair of pocket pistols, a hanger (type of cutlass), three rapiers, one with a silver hilt, and ammunition.

Among the interesting items in his possession were a parcel of Virginia-made cloth and fourteen pairs of Virginia stockings. As these were in the home, it is possible that they were made on the plantation.

The size of some of the kitchen utensils and equipment point to a kitchen, with a very large fireplace, occupying an end of the room, where all food was prepared and cooked over the burning coals of a plentiful supply of wood. There were two great copper kettles weighing sixty-one pounds and forty pounds respectively, a brass kettle weighing fifty pounds, and two great andiron weighing 105 pounds, two iron pots weighing forty pounds each, four pot hooks, a heavy mall, three spits and skillets of several sizes. In the room adjoining the kitchen the milk was cared for as there were eleven milk-pans, an "earthen" pan and three "earthen" butter-pots.

In the cellar was the gentleman's supply of drink, cider for family use, a cask of brandy, a cask of old whiskey, and a malt mill listed as worn out.

While it is not practicable to mention here all of the goods

carried in the store and the storehouse, certain of the items are of special interest, such as materials used for wearing apparel of the period, accessories of dress, utensils and agricultural tools available in Virginia. About twenty different materials of varying qualities were imported from England. They were woven for the most part of flax, hemp or wool, or combinations, with some cotton, not generally in use, but available in a few materials.

Osnaburg, a coarse, heavy linen suitable for work clothes, or for sails, was available in quantities, in brown, for the former and white, for the latter; *canvas*, a closely woven cloth, of hemp or flax, was used for various purposes and appears to have been of different weights, for often canvas sheets are mentioned, which undoubtedly were of the lighter grade; *dowlas*, very much in use in the Colony, was a coarse linen made in the north of England and in Scotland, and today replaced in use by calico. Various weights of *serge* were listed, similar, no doubt, to the serge the present knows, for it was used for suits, coats and dresses. *Linsey*, a coarse cloth, was made of linen and wool, or occasionally of cotton and wool; *kersey*, a knit woolen cloth, usually coarse and ribbed, manufactured in England as early as the thirteenth century, was especially for hose; *lockram* was a sort of a coarse linen or hempen cloth, and *penniston*, a coarse woolen frieze. *Shalloon*, a woolen fabric of twill weave was used chiefly for linings; *fustian* was a cotton and linen cloth, and *diaper linen* was woven of flax with a raised figure such as in damask, and used chiefly for table-linen.

In addition, the Bridger store had on its shelves, colored calico, a small amount of flannel, some broadcloth, and a small parcel of silk valued at one pound. There was also thread in brown and other colors, knitting-needles, pins, horn-combs, combs made of ivory and knives of various descriptions. For trimming garments, there was guimpe, colored tape, Holland tape and Hamburg, the latter an embroidered edging, buttons, some silk covered. Oth-

er items included skeins of twine, whalebone, scissors, and 132 pounds of soap.

Among the building supplies were quantities of nails of all sizes, which ever seemed to be in great demand in the Colony. For the field, there were narrow hoes and weeding-hoes, axes of different types, as well as a whipsaw.

For home furnishings, are listed such items as feather bedticks and bolsters, Irish bedticks, plain rugs, matting rugs, the latter showing importations from the Orient to England and thence to the Colony. Also, there were blankets, curtains and valances for tester beds, counterpanes of serge, table-knives with white handles, black handles, and ivory handles; in pewter, the store offered porringers, plates, serving-dishes and candlesticks. Among supplies, in addition to soap and twine, there were fifty-five bushels of salt and a barrel of coarse sugar.

The colonists, used to their drink, found an ever-flowing cheap supply from the West Indies in rum, distilled there from molasses produced from sugar cane. This drink was stocked especially for the servants in the Colony. The Bridger store had on hand six barrels and one hogshead of rum, the entire content being approximately two hundred and fifty-five gallons. In addition there had been laid aside "for Colonel Powell's hands" sixty-five gallons of rum.

In wearing apparel, the store was stocked with shoes for men, women and boys, hose for men and women, hats at various prices, bodices for women, "plaines" for men and boys and "falls" for men and boys.

The little pest, the moth, had made its appearance in Virginia for in goods accounted for, are four pairs of moth-eaten hose and a piece of moth-eaten kersey.

No firearms are listed in the salable goods on hand but 100 pounds of shot are valued at 12s 6d.

Urban folks, coming to Virginia in the early twentieth century and visiting rural areas, were wont to comment upon the in

evitable horse-collars and harness that usually held a prominent place in the cluttered country store. They were no less indispensable to travel over the dirt roads of that time than were the harness accessories in the Bridger store, such as snaffles and check-bits, stirrup-leathers, halters and girths. While, as hereafter mentioned, the waterways in Virginia served as open travel routes, the use of the horse was more or less general by the latter part of the century, at least among the well-to-do, for riding about the plantation, for visiting, and for sport in racing. As noted, Colonel Bridger owned fourteen horses.

The shares in the estate of Colonel Bridger's three married daughters were claimed by their husbands and are recorded by items. It is of interest to note that Thomas Godwin, husband of Martha Bridger, was speaker of the House of Burgesses, in 1676, that Thomas Lear, who married Elizabeth Bridger, was a prominent planter of Nansemond County, and Richard Tibboth, husband of Mary Bridger, was master of the ship *Anne and Mary*, which plied between England and "James River in Virginia."

THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Notwithstanding the declaration by Virginia's first representative legislative Assembly in session at Jamestown, 30 July 1619, that "in a new plantation it is not known which be the most necessary, man or woman," the plantation representatives saw fit to extend to the married women only one benefit for having come to the colony, and that was the continuation of the bonus of fifty acres of land in control of their husbands. A married woman in the Colony had no title whatsoever to possessions during her husband's lifetime. She could not hold land in her name; any bequest from the estate of her parents became her husband's property, and the receipt of it was acknowledged in Court by him. Colonel Joseph Bridger sought through terms in his will, dated 1683, to prevent the husband of his daughter Martha from coming into possession of her inheritance, stipulating that his

bequest to her was for her sole use and, should her husband desire to dispose of it, then, the inheritance should not come into his hands but should remain under control of the executrix. Nevertheless, Thomas Godwin signed a receipt for his wife's portion, according to law, and despite the Colonel's last wishes, it became his sole possession.

If a woman married a second or third time, land and possessions held in her name, during her widowhood, immediately became the property of the next husband. For that reason, women, on contemplating a second marriage, and wishing the children by a former husband to have the benefit of their father's holdings, either gave them title to the possessions, just prior to the intended marriage, or exacted from the prospective husband an agreement to give the child or children possession of their rightful inheritance, upon arriving at age. This agreement was recorded in the court records.

Now and then, a marriage agreement was so drawn, that the prospective husband's plantation was assured to his intended bride and her heirs, and could therefore never come into possession of a second wife or her heirs. A most careful legal maneuvering to this end is recorded in a marriage agreement, 1652, between Frances Culpeper and Captain Samuel Stephens. On the eve of marriage, the intended groom conveyed his 1350 acre plantation, "Bolthrope" on the Warwick River, in trust to William Horsmanden and George Hunt, who then according to agreement, reconveyed the land to Stephens during his lifetime. At his death, according to the terms stipulated, Frances (Culpeper) Stephens his wife came into sole possession.

About the same time, 1651, John Chew of York County, was able to have drawn a less exacting contract on the eve of his second marriage. While he agreed to give, to his prospective bride Mrs. Rachel Constable, the plantation upon which he then lived, a provision was inserted that should she predecease him without heirs, the contract was void. A marriage contract drawn, 1667

by John Atkins of Jamestown, was bequeathed to his friend Christopher Davison, Secretary of the Colony.

In addition to the standard pieces of furniture aforementioned, luxury articles were imported during the latter part of the century. Mrs. Elizabeth Digges owned five Spanish tables, two green carpets and a Turkey-work carpet; Mrs. Elizabeth (Mason) Thelaball, of Lower Norfolk County, had among her possessions a small desk and a writing-slate. In the goods consigned, 1694, by Perry and Lane of London to Mrs. Elizabeth Woory, of Isle of Wight County, was a drugget.

The size of the homes varied from the simple one-room structures characteristic of the early part of the century to the Bridger home previously described, and Mrs. Digges' home of six rooms, hall, cellar, garret and detached kitchen.

In looking over the inventories of the seventeenth century planters, observation is inevitable that the kitchen area alone maintained its distinct character. Even among the well-to-do, beds were everywhere, irrespective of the number of rooms in use. Guns, swords, pistols, saddles, bridles, steelyards (scales) cluttered up the hall in the Bridger home.

Bathing facilities were meager. Copper and pewter basins were in general daily use, and also were employed for sponge baths occasionally taken in winter before the open fires. The chamber pots, frequently listed, served other necessary functions.

In the summer months, much of the cooking was done out-of-doors in huge pots slung from a tripod. The food for the servants went into a single pot, and their fare in "pap" was eaten in the open also, when the weather permitted. In the winter and during the cooler months, cooking was done on the hearth of an ample fireplace which customarily took up the greater part of the end of a room. If the family was of modest means, the kitchen area was the heart of the house. Here, in winter, was warmth, food and companionship. As the planter acquired numerous servants and preparation of food became an all-day matter, every day, the

tor of her deceased husband's estate, also pressed his suit and gained favor; whereupon, the cleric entered in the Court a suit for breach of promise. The contest over the widow finally was referred to the authorities in London, who declined to pass upon "so delicate a matter." Mr. Pooley, probably then finding his cause hopeless, withdrew his case in Court, and by 1625, the charming widow had married William Farrar.

Custom frowned upon the ladies of the seventeenth century going into Court. While the law required that they sign or give assent to their husbands' deeds for sale of land or property, when the time arrived that the deed must be acknowledged in Court, the wife requested some male friend to represent her and acknowledge the deed. Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard, in 1654, wrote a note asking her "dear brother Cockerham" to represent her in Court. The same year, Daniel Llewellyn acknowledged a deed in Charles City Court, for his stepdaughters Sara Woodward and Anne Gundry.

Notwithstanding the limitations put upon women of the seventeenth century, both by custom and by law, their husbands evidently had complete confidence in their discretion and their abilities to direct wisely the disposition of estates, which came into their hands. Their business experience was confined to household management and plantation activities, but these were enterprises of no mean proportions, and the successful handling of such matters by the women impelled the men, very frequently, to name in their wills their wives as executrices. At the same time, overseers were also named to assist in handling the details. Colonel Bridger named his wife Hester as executrix to dispose of his large landed estate and his extensive mercantile business, but directed that her brother and their mutual friend Arthur Smith assist her, which they did very ably.

Perhaps, there is no more outstanding example of an astute woman of the seventeenth century and her courage than that which the experiences of Sarah Bland set forth. She was the

disposed of impurities before they were ready for consumption and, thus, assured to imbibers a degree of safety from germ-bred diseases.

As early as 1609, the Virginia Company advertised for two brewers available to go to Virginia, and, in plans for the third and largest expedition sent under Sir Thomas Gates and Sir George Somers in 1609, provision was made to include experienced men, so that malt liquors could be brewed in the Colony and thus, the necessity of crowding the ships with such supplies generally in demand, could be avoided.

Prior to 1625, two brewhouses were being operated in Virginia, and twenty years later there were six. Also, the Virginia Assembly recommended that all immigrants should bring in their own supply of malt to be used in brewing, thus avoiding the use of drinking water, at least until they had become accustomed to the climate. At the same time, various products in the colony were found adaptable for producing drinks—persimmons beer, sassafras for wine, and both barley and Indian corn were cultivated for brewing purposes.

Many of the planters developed their own facilities of one kind or another. Colonel Bridger had a malt-mill, and John Fisher a still. Cider was the established drink for family use and, as is known, gathered a good deal of strength as it aged. In addition, as trade between the Colony and the West Indies became brisk, quantities of rum (made from molassas) was brought in from that source. It became a common drink, was distributed especially for the use of servants, and was generally available in taverns, as was brandy distilled from peaches and apples.

The well-to-do planters were able to purchase the imported liquors and wines of a finer grade, sack and "aquavite" being the most popular in the early part of the century, while later, madeira, claret, and Rhenish wine became available. Some of the finest

cousin Richard Ligon all my horses, mares or foals that can be proved to be mine . . . they not being given by my grandfather into the hands of the overseers." His grandfather, deceased about 1657, was, prior to that time, in possession of horses as the aforesaid entry shows. Colonel Joseph Bridger, of Isle of Wight County, owned fourteen horses at the time of his death. These are shown in the inventory of his estate entered, 1686. Thomas Cocke of Henrico County, who died in 1696, disposed of a large estate in his will, including his horses.

The absence of vehicles, except for a coach, a calash and carts, was due perhaps not so much to cost and the necessity for importing them as to the complete lack of passable roads in the Colony. Cartways, which were the worn and widened Indian trails, over which oxen hauled heavy loads, were the open ways over which travel by land could be undertaken. The bodies of the carts were made in the Colony usually and attached to wheels imported from England. Both the pillion and the side-saddle, the latter an item listed in the inventory of Mrs. Elizabeth Digges, 1692, were used by the women in accompanying the men on journeys. A pillion and a pillion cloth were bequeathed in 1652, by Captain John Upton, of Isle of Wight County, to his stepdaughter.

Notwithstanding the almost complete lack of highways, two Virginians are known to have owned vehicles for travel in the seventeenth century. The commission sent over from England to look into conditions which brought about Bacon's Rebellion complained, 1677, that Governor Berkeley had sent them from his plantation "Greenspring" to Jamestown, a distance of three miles, in his coach with the common hangman as a postillion. William Fitzhugh, a well-to-do planter of Stafford County, owned a calash, a sort of a cab imported from England.

Those who did not own horses considered it no hardship to walk miles to their destinations. Even so, the horse eventually became indispensable to Virginians of all classes, who became very skilled riders at an early age. Their adeptness in this as

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Old news clippings offer a peek at the past

As far as is known, there was no newspaper published in Isle of Wight County or Smithfield in the 18th century. Dwellers on this side of the James apparently subscribed to the Virginia Gazette, published in Williamsburg, which frequently printed the news, notices and advertisements from "the southside"....some of which still make interesting reading.

The following item appeared on Dec. 17, 1736- "Ran away about the beginning of Nov. last, from Mr. Wm. Rand, a Carpenter and Joyner in Gloucester County, a servant man named Thos. Field; he is an Irishman, and a very good Joyner. Tis believed he is dressed in White Cloth Cloathes, a light colored Wig, and has Ruffles at the Bosom and Sleeves of his Shirt. He took with him a Bay Horse, 2 pistoles reward is offered."

This was the William Rand who, a few years later, was contractor for the building of the courthouse on Main Street in the Town of Smithfield, and who, in 1756, bought the brick residence on the lot adjoining the courthouse lot, lived there and operated it as an inn, or tavern, until his death in 1767.

From the Gazette of Dec. 2, 1737- "We likewise hear from Isle of Wight County that one Lewis Meekum, a very sober man, as he was riding to Church upon a young Horse, about 3 weeks since, was unfortunately thrown off, and died immediately."

Lewis Meacom is mentioned in the will of Sarah Lancaster in 1722 as her

grandson; he was survived by his wife Ann, who was a daughter of Mrs. Mary Wrenn, and two small children, Mary and Lewis Meacom. By 1745 his widow had married John Potter.

From the Virginia Gazette- "Isle of Wight County, Dec. 12, (1737) something very mysteriously happened here lately, and thus it was: On Thurs. last, two men mounted upon Bay Horses (one appearing like a Gentleman, and the other as his servant carrying a large Bundle before him) came to Warwicksqueak Bay Warehouse, and without speaking to any Body, rode a little distance from the said Warehouse, and then alighted, tied their Horses, and went down to the River Side. Mr. James Ransome, the Inspector here, going on board a Sloop about an Hour after that, saw them walking about on the Sands near to my Landing, but spoke not to them. After he came ashore he found they were gone, but presently overtook them going along the Road to Surry, as he was, and again passed them without speaking.

"That same Night, a Negro of mine, going to feed my Hogs, found a large new Spade, which they had been digging with, and a new hilling Hoe by it, laid close by the Hog Pen. Next day, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ransome, and I, went and tracked their footing, both upon the River Sands and up the adjacent banks, and discovered several Places where they had been digging and thrusting Weir-Sticks a good Depth into the Earth. The same Night, viz Thurs. Night (as I was informed) they came to Hog Island, and went over the Ferry with great Precipitation. If you think proper to promulge this Narrative your own Way, 'tis well; but, if not, please to advertise the Servant- John Gemmill. M. B. He who appeared like the Gentleman, had on a light colored riding Coat, with the Cape muffled almost over his Face, and is a vast large Man."

So far as we know, after 249 years, this mystery of "the vast large man" remains unsolved. The Reverend John Gemmill, who thought the incident of enough importance to report it to the Gazette, was rector of Newport Parish from 1729 until his death in 1743. His home, on the bluff overlooking what is now Burwell's Bay, has long since disappeared, but is believed to have been only a short distance north of the present home of

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Sprigg. In 1751 the property was sold by his daughter, Frances Gemmill, to Robert Burwell, of the family from which the Bay derives its name.

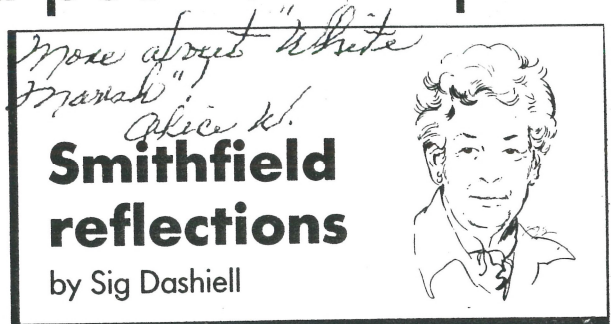
Again, on April 6, 1739, the Virginia Gazette published still another story of mysterious goings-on on this side of the river: "About Oct. last a considerable Quantity of old English Money was found in the Ruins of a House where Col. Bridger formerly lived, in Isle of Wight County, of the Coins of Queen Elizabeth, King James the First and King Charles the First.

"It was first discovered by a Negro that liv'd on the Plantation, who not knowing the Value of it, squandered a good deal of it away; by which Means it soon came to the knowledge of Persons who found Means to get possession of the greatest Part of it; which they converted to their own Uses; without acquainting the Proprietor of the land thereof.

"In a little Time the Money began to circulate plentifully about the Neighborhood, and now may be seen almost all over the Country; so that it's believed there was a large Sum of it; and if we may credit the report of the Neighbors, there were some Bushels of Gold and Silver. How this Money came to be lodg'd there, or who was the right Owner of it, no one living knows, but it's conjectured by some that it was hid there for Security in the Time of Bacon's Rebellion; and by others that it was Public Money lodg'd in Col. Bridger's Hands, who was in an advanced Station of Life, and held several Offices.

"However, the Owner of the land lays Claim to the Treasure; and we hear has exhibited Bills in Chancery against several Persons who have been known to be possessed of this sort of Money, in order to recover it. It's a Pity he had not discovered the Nest before the Birds were flown."

Pity indeed! "Some Bushels of Gold and Silver" must have been a



tidy little fortune in those days- or even in these days.

Col. Joseph Bridger was one of the most prominent men of his time in the Colony, held many important offices, was a member of the House of Burgesses and was a large dealer in land and servants. His residence, "White Marsh," must have been on a par with its contemporary, "Bacon's Castle" as his inventory lists the rooms as "Cellar, kitchen, kitchen chamber, dining room, parlor, hall gallery, landing chamber over the dining room, outer chamber, lower chamber, hall chamber, next chamber, middle chamber, middle uppermost chamber, children's chamber."

He is one of Isle of Wight's most sought after ancestors and many people from all parts of the country claim descent from this illustrious gentleman.

Almost 200 years after the death of Col. Bridger his tombstone was rediscovered at "White Marsh" and was moved to the Old Brick Church (St. Luke's) where it lies now in front of the chancel. It bears an eloquent and lengthy epitaph extolling his high position and virtues, and says in part: "Here lies the late great minister of State, That Royal virtues had and Royal fate."

But the true story behind that hidden treasure remains a tantalizing mystery. WHERE did that hoard of gold and silver come from? and WHY did the colonel go to his grave with never a word to anybody of its secret existence?

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on April 6, found in the Ruins of a House where Col. Bridger formerly lived, in Isle of Wight County, of the Coins of Queen Elizabeth, King James the First and King Charles the First. It was discovered by a Negro that liv'd on the Plantation, who had knowing the Value of it, squandered a good deal of it away; by which Means it soon came to the knowledge of Persons who found Means to get possession of the greatest Part of it; which they converted to their own Uses; without acquainting the Proprietor of the land thereof. In a little Time, the Money began to circulate plentifully about that Neighborhood, and now may be seen almost all over the Country; so that it's believed there was a large sum of it and if we may credit the report of Neigh-

bors, there were some Bushels of Gold and Silver. How this Money came to be lodg'd there, or who was the right Owner of it, no one living knows; but it's conjectured by some that it was hid there for Security in the Time of Bacon's Rebellion; and by others that it was Public Money lodg'd in Col. Bridger's Hands, who was in an advanced Station of Life, and held several offices. However, the Owner of the land lays Claim to the Treasure; and we hear has exhibited Bills in Chancery against several Persons, who have been known to be possessed of this sort of Money, in order to recover it. It's a Pity he had not discovered the Nest before the Birds were flown."

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teen fifties - so, this opens
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that he may have fled from
the Cromwellian Protec-
torate and was able to
smuggle his fortune with
him to Virginia. But the
mystery is why and how it
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half a century after his
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missions, was a member
of the House of Burgesses,
Adjutant General of the
Virginia Forces in 1666,
commander of the Isle of
Wight Militia in the Indian
War of 1675, and a mem-
ber of the Governor's
Council. He was an ad-
herent and close friend of
Governor Berkley during
Bacon's Rebellion and fled
with him to the Eastern
Shore. He was denounced as
"a wicked and pernicious
Councillor" by Bacon's
Proclamation of 1676. One
of the commissioners sent
over by Charles II to report
on Governor Berkley's rule
says that Colonel Bridger
was "a very Resolute gen-
tlemen, who though for-
ced to fly in the heat of

war from his own countrie,
yet on his return was very
active and instrumental in
reducing to their obedience
the South parte of the Ja-
mes River."

He died on April 15,
1686, leaving each of his
seven children consider-
able property in cash, land,
servants and personal ef-
fects. By a codicil he dis-
inherited his son Joseph
"who I find fly out with
divers dissolute courses of
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His residence, known
as "White Marsh" must
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ber, childrens chamber." It was certainly intact at

the time of his death in 1686
but must have burned at
sometime thereafter, o-
therwise it would hardly
have been in ruins only
fifty years later - unless it
was so large that none of
his children or grandchil-
dren could afford to live in
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